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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY.

To the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New York, and President of the Senate:

The Trustees of the Astor Library have the honor to transmit herewith, in obedience to act of the Legislature, their Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1871.

Respectfully submitted by

WM. B. ASTOR,
President.

SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, *Secretary.*

ASTOR LIBRARY, NEW YORK, *January 22d*, 1872.

REPORT.

The Trustees of the Astor Library, in obedience to the requirements of their act of incorporation, respectfully present to the Legislature of the State of New York this their twenty-third annual report, embracing the affairs of the library for the year ending December 31st, 1871.

The library continues to increase in the number of its books, and also in the number of the books contributed.

On the 1st of Jan., 1871, there were in the library,		140,558	vols.
In the current year ending December 31st, 1871, there have been added by donation.....	540		"
By purchase.....	705		"
		1,245	"
Making a total on the 1st of January, 1872, of....		141,803	"

The amount expended for books and binding during the year 1871, has been..... $4,313 96

In the year ending December 31, 1870, the number of books delivered to 25,707 readers in the halls was..... 78,935

In the last year, ending December 31, 1871, the books delivered to 25,529 readers in the halls were..... 92,023

In addition to this use of the books, there were admissions into the alcoves:

In 1870	5,204
In 1871	5,380

The character of the books read in the halls has been accurately tabulated under fifty-two different departments of literature and of science, with the numbers read in each of the months of the year, except August, when the library is closed for repairs and other purposes. The particulars will appear in the report of Dr. Straznicky, the superintendent, and herewith transmitted and marked B. His report also embraces a catalogue of books presented to the library during the year 1871.

The funds and securities of the library remain without material change, except that the cash stated in the report for 1870 has since been invested on bond and mortgage, increasing that item to $196,000. The investment of $15,135 in United States stocks remains unchanged.

The report of the treasurer, John Jacob Astor, Esq., herewith transmitted, marked A, shows more precisely the condition of the funds; and the sale of certain lots taken for a mortgage, amounting, with interest, to $4,763.39, for a sum sufficient to reimburse the amount, and added to the productive fund of the library.

The income of the past year, and the cash on hand at the close of the year 1870, have been applied as follows:

For books and binding	$4,313 96
Annuity to Dr. Cogswell, now terminated by his death	300 00
Expenses and insurance	2,239 10
Repairs and renewal of books worn out	1,073 03
Salaries (superintendent, librarian)	7,536 54
	$15,462 63

The amount of insurance on the library building is	$75,000 00
The amount of insurance on the books is	150,000 00

At the meeting of the board of trustees on the 6th of December, 1871, the president, Mr. William B. Astor, announced the intelligence of the death at Cambridge, Massachusetts, on the 26th of November last, of Dr. Joseph G. Cogswell, the first superintendent of the Astor Library; whereupon a committee, consisting of Messrs. William J. Hoppen, Alexander Hamilton and Samuel B. Ruggles, was appointed to prepare a suitable minute in respect to the character and services of Dr. Cogswell, to be entered on the records of the board.

At the next meeting of the board, on the 10th of January, 1872, the committee reported the following minute for the consideration of the trustees:

The trustees of the Astor Library, on the resignation on the 30th of November, 1864, by Joseph G. Cogswell, LL.D., the first superintendent of the library, of his office as trustee, had the grateful privilege of recording their acknowledgment of the constancy with which, for nearly twenty years, he had devoted to this institution the unremitting efforts of his well-directed and spotless life. They took occasion to indicate his great ability in composing the "Preliminary Index of Books needed for a Library;" his extraordinary judgment and economy

in purchasing their own collection, and the diligence and extensive bibliographical knowledge he had displayed in preparing the "Alphabetical Catalogue." They added to this their sincere regret in losing the benefit of his counsel and co-operation in the management of their trust, and their heartfelt wishes for his continued health and happiness.

The trustees have now, seven years after thus taking leave of Dr. Cogswell, as an active colleague, heard of his decease at Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts, on the 26th day of November last, and they desire to record anew their affectionate admiration of his character and sorrow for his loss.

For the whole period between the removal of Dr. Cogswell from New York to the date of his lamented death, he continued to take a lively interest in the affairs of the library. He was able to complete, not long after his retirement, the "Analytical Catalogue," upon which he was engaged at that time. This book, if it had been produced by a mature and vigorous scholar, at the most robust period of his life, would have been a remarkable proof of knowledge and practical skill; but as the work of an octogenarian, embarrassed by bodily infirmities, it may be considered a literary curiosity, as well as the most valuable American contribution to the department to which it belongs.

Dr. Cogswell did not confine himself to these more quiet labors in behalf of the library, but frequently gave to the trustees the benefit of his active help and his wise counsels whenever they were solicited; and this, always with great delicacy and disinterestedness. There was something singularly touching in his devotion, at an age when such sentiments usually become feeble and silent, to an institution remote from his residence, and with which he had scarcely any ties except those of memory.

The trustees will not attempt, in this brief entry in their minutes, to expatiate upon those numerous excellent traits in the character of their former colleague, of which his biographer might find abundant proofs and illustrations. They will only permit themselves to mention his simple and unaffected kindliness of manner, the gracious urbanity with which he discharged all his official duties, his loyalty as a friend, his fresh and genial impulses, which overcame all the sluggishness of age, his fidelity and affectionate considerateness as a teacher, his absolute free-

dom from literary and personal ambition, and his unstained integrity and purity of life.

The recollection of these excellences will make his memory forever dear to all who had the privilege of knowing him, and particularly to those who have been associated with him in the care of an institution which was the center of his hopes and the dearest object of his labors.

WILLIAM J. HOPPIN,
ALEXANDER HAMILTON,
SAMUEL B. RUGGLES,
Committee.

On the reception of this minute, prepared by the committee, it was unanimously approved by the board of trustees, and a resolution adopted to enter it on their records.

The trustees would further state, for the more accurate information of the Legislature, that the office of superintendent of the library has been consecutively filled as follows:

The will of John Jacob Astor, establishing the library, ated August 22d, 1839, designated Dr. Joseph G. Cogswell as one of the trustees who were empowered therein to appoint, direct, control and remove the superintendent. The testator died on the 29th of March, 1848. His will having been duly proved, the trustees of the library, therein named, held their first meeting on the 20th of May, 1848, at which meeting Dr. Cogswell was appointed superintendent of the library.

On the 6th of November, 1861, Dr. Cogswell tendered his resignation of the office of superintendent, which was accepted by the board on the 4th of December, 1861. On the same day Francis Schroeder, Esq., was unanimously

elected to fill the place of superintendent. Mr. Schroeder faithfully and ably discharged the duties of the office for nearly ten years. Having expressed a desire to be relieved from its duties, his resignation was accepted on the 7th of June, 1871, the board passing a resolution, entered on the minutes, expressing their regret to lose his valuable services as superintendent, and their high sense of the ability, integrity and uniform courtesy with which he had discharged the arduous and varied duties of his office, with their best wishes for his future welfare.

On the same day the vacancy was filled by the election of Dr. Edward R. Straznicky, who is now discharging the duties of the office.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. B. ASTOR,
President.

SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, *Secretary.*

ASTOR LIBRARY, NEW YORK, *January* 22, 1872.

APPENDIX.

A.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY.

NEW YORK, *December* 30, 1871.

Endowment fund for site and building				$257,631 85
for books				191,748 05
for maintenance and increase				210,000 00
for equipment				6,545 74
Total				$665,925 64
Increase by surplus of income to December 31, 1870			$89,663 83	
Income of 1871	$14,897 33			
Less annuity	$300 00			
Expenses	10,848 67			
		11,148 67		
			3,748 66	
				93,412 49
Received in advance, interest due in 1872				1,537 08
				$760,875 21

Invested as follows:

Cost of site and building	$257,852 84
equipment, shelving, etc	32,587 76
books and catalogues	252,213 27
	$542,653 87
Bonds and mortgages	196,000 00
15,000 United States stock, cost	15,135 00
Lots on Nineteenth street	4,763 39
Deposit in United States Trust Co	800 00
Cash in bank	1,522 95
	$760,875 21

The amount of $13,000, received on the last day of the year 1870, has been reinvested in the bonds and mortgages, at 7 per cent interest, of John Schmidt, on house and lot on West Fifty-first street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, three years, $5,000; Margaret V. Garrigny, on eight lots on south side East Thirty-ninth street, between the First avenue and East river, five years, $8,000. Otherwise, the securities remain unchanged.

The final annuity to Dr. Cogswell was remitted to his executor, Mr. George S. Hillard, at the close of the year, and the fund heretofore charged to defray this annuity has been merged in the general fund for books.

The income of the past year, and the cash on hand at the close of the year 1870, have been disposed of as follows:

For books and binding	$4,313 96
Annuity	300 00
Expenses and insurance	2,239 10
Repairs and renewal of works worn out	1,073 03
Salaries	7,536 54
	$15,462 63

The amount of insurance on the library building is,	$75,000 00
books	150,000 00

At the last meeting of the trustees, the treasurer presented a statement of taxes charged by the city corporation on the lots on Nineteenth street, taken for the mortgage of Lorenzo Moses. The application to the comptroller to cancel at least a large portion thereof has not yet been acted upon, though he has withdrawn the property from the public sale for arrears of taxes. The treasurer, acting under your instructions, has sold the property to the holder of the lease for $6,500, on condition of leaving the whole purchase-money on bond and mortgage, either on these lots with the improvements erected by him, or upon a house and lot on Twentieth street, between the Eighth and Ninth avenues. Though the latter, which is considered worth $13,000, will be subject to the right of dower, the treasurer considers it the best security, and has accordingly accepted it. The lots on Nineteenth street, being very unfavorably situated, were of difficult

sale, and the existing lease rendered them more so, to any one other than the holder of the lease.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. ASTOR, *Treasurer.*

B.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR 1871.

Astor Library, *January* 1, 1872.

To the Board of Trustees:

The superintendent respectfully presents the following report for the year 1871:

On January 1, 1871, there were in the library....		140,558 vols.
From January 1 to December 31, 1871, were added:		
a. By donation	540 vols.	
b. By purchase	705 vols.	
		1,245 vols.
Total number of books in library, January 1, 1872..		141,803 vols.

In the accompanying tables, marked A and B, a detailed account of the operations of this library is given, and from it will be seen that in the year 1871, in both departments, 92,023 books were delivered to 25,529 readers in the halls. In addition to this, there were 5,380 admissions to the alcoves.

In 1870, 78,935 volumes were read by 25,707 readers, and 5,204 admissions within the alcoves.

The readers in the alcoves in the year 1871 were occupied as follows:

Agriculture	72
Architecture	93
Art of war.....	1
Astronomy	229
Bibliography.....	14
Chemistry and physics	49
Commerce, manufactures and useful arts.....	15
Education	9
Encyclopedias.....	127

Geography, atlases and maps	10
History, natural	97
Jurisprudence	107
Magic and witchcraft	5
Mathematics	17
Mechanics and engineering	41
Medicine and surgery	154
Metaphysics, political and social economy	133
Music	20
Painting, sculpture and archæology	513
Patents	994
Theology and ecclesiastical history	471
Transactions: American	7
British	16
European	76
Mythology, inscriptions, numismatics, universal and ancient history	305
Documents: American	22
British	14
Heraldry and genealogy	48
History: American	243
British	301
French	113
German	50
Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	57
Russian, Hungarian and Polish	8
Literature: American	90
British	276
Classical	134
French	59
German	7
Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	18
Orientalia	186
Philology and linguistics	158
Voyages and travels	21
	5,380

Dr. E. R. STRAZNICKY,
Superintendent.

Astor Library, New York, *January* 1, 1872.

(B.)

Table showing the number of books read in the Halls of the Library in 1871.

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Volumes given out.
Agriculture and Horticulture	9	20	19	12	30	29	26	9	24	24	13	215
Architecture	91	71	148	84	67	43	76	68	80	107	244	1,079
Art of War	13	14	3	5	10	.....	1	25	6	....	17	94
Astronomy	23	10	15	14	9	34	14	73	37	12	48	289
Bibliography	92	133	88	199	58	106	47	91	114	30	39	997
Chemistry and Physics	185	220	327	186	275	221	177	296	217	265	216	2,595
Commerce, Manufactures and Useful Arts	329	150	349	162	193	236	90	143	97	162	129	2,033
Domestic Economy	20	21	18	17	17	4	16	10	17	18	....	158
Education	132	42	16	42	32	15	16	6	9	7	18	335
Encyclopedias	245	179	294	253	262	266	205	371	390	271	448	3,184
Geography, Atlases and Maps	93	55	111	65	70	35	72	59	183	117	71	981
History, Natural	305	170	398	276	265	357	355	418	218	350	290	3,341
Jurisprudence	221	211	219	163	230	164	61	85	192	237	197	1,980
Magic and Witchcraft	20	12	44	24	36	20	23	88	90	45	41	442
Mathematics	42	56	62	21	54	58	59	43	49	69	62	575
Mechanics and Engineering	65	62	43	32	49	38	58	74	75	85	89	670
Medicine and Surgery	309	211	239	300	310	261	132	471	268	414	472	3,497
Metaphysics, Political and Social Economy	188	109	138	150	141	69	93	155	132	88	121	1,364
Music	56	27	43	31	12	27	14	42	15	20	47	354
Painting, Sculpture and Archæology	213	243	308	408	259	272	222	292	447	368	315	3,357
Patents	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	8	8
Sports and Games	14	4	1	11	19	12	28	14	13	37	8	158
Theology and Ecclesiastical History	454	349	456	397	426	423	476	715	519	391	553	5,158
Transactions—American	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	9	116	26	154
British	11	11	6	14	5	9	25	9	34	65	61	250
European	24	6	9	7	5	3	2	.....	59	38	117	270
Total of volumes	3,154	2,383	2,350	2,868	2,834	2,713	2,337	3,556	3,314	3,345	3,572	33,428
Total of readers in the hall	1,082	949	1,207	1,061	984	946	863	1,174	1,064	921	1,018	11,269
Total of alcove readers	262	230	290	276	305	285	267	333	339	374	319	3,270
Total of hall and alcove readers	1,344	1,179	1,497	1,337	1,289	1,231	1,130	1,507	1,393	1,295	1,337	14,539

B — (*Continued*).

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND LITERATURE.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Volumes given out.
Mythology, Inscriptions, Numismatics, and Universal and Ancient History	483	365	429	631	437	459	358	393	428	375	385	4,743
Documents, American	217	235	251	201	202	233	278	203	114	177	146	2,257
British	18	23	71	25	35	73	53	50	27	46	35	456
Heraldry and Genealogy	407	337	485	373	385	324	428	272	270	299	288	3,808
History, American	356	266	414	299	363	294	265	337	260	279	295	3,428
British	475	311	390	329	332	421	399	460	427	406	314	4,264
Dutch	53	23	20	15	13	13	23	8	20	12	9	209
French	149	175	211	332	186	298	300	86	109	334	186	2,361
German	99	71	96	70	161	134	71	73	47	41	54	917
Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	43	128	164	74	65	72	73	18	112	135	38	922
Literary and Printing	88	51	40	11	20	35	25	10	23	8	23	334
Russian, Hungarian and Polish	100	59	116	25	24	50	35	32	42	101	12	596
Scandinavian	30	7	92	.....	.....	14	9	4	.....	10	36	202
Language and Rhetoric	65	27	53	43	84	31	35	27	51	43	21	474
Literature, American	220	116	161	172	160	225	114	129	116	135	136	1,684
British	699	636	658	877	775	762	787	689	766	765	734	8,148
Classical	270	260	241	160	259	274	246	364	347	260	251	2,932
French	337	247	253	208	254	546	429	416	291	299	233	3,513
German	146	198	200	347	350	286	287	112	142	148	193	2,409
Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	21	81	150	53	56	75	106	111	142	62	33	890
Russian, Hungarian and Polish	.....	11	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19
Scandinavian	56	47	39	17	33	50	8	.....	6	14	6	276
Orientalia	153	99	170	206	349	332	252	174	154	188	152	2,229
Philology and Linguistics	256	224	188	243	292	298	328	347	273	216	200	2,860
Voyages and Travels	202	120	176	159	197	126	130	164	108	150	148	1,680
Novels	655	545	673	584	670	739	757	673	575	602	511	6,984
Total of volumes	5,598	4,646	5,749	5,454	5,702	6,154	5,796	5,152	4,850	5,105	4,389	58,595
Total of readers in the hall	1,425	1,245	1,547	1,198	1,263	1,215	1,340	1,227	1,253	1,353	1,194	14,260
Total of alcove readers	183	118	160	140	163	168	268	194	234	258	224	2,110
Total of hall and alcove readers	1,608	1,363	1,707	1,338	1,426	1,383	1,608	1,421	1,487	1,611	1,418	16,370

Total of volumes read in both halls	92,023
Total of readers in both halls	25,529
Total of alcove readers	5,380

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APPENDIX TO REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ASTOR LIBRARY FOR 1871.

DONATIONS OF BOOKS TO THE ASTOR LIBRARY IN 1871.

Presented by

Andover Theol. Sem., Catalogues, 1870, Annual and Triennial ..... 2 pams
Adams, C. C., author, his "Creation, a Recent Work of God" ..... 1 vol.
Appleton, W. S., author, his "Ancestry of Priscilla Baker" ..... 1 vol.
Astor, W. B., "Smithsonian Contributions," vol. 17 ... 1 vol.
American Unitarian Association, their "Army Tracts" 1 vol.
Arosemena, D., author, his "Sensaciones en Oriente".. 1 vol.
Agassiz, L., Prof., A Letter concerning Deep Sea Dredgings, addressed to Prof. B. Peirce, 2d December, 1871.. 1 pam.
Boston Mercantile Library, "Index to the Catalogue of Books"..... 1 vol.
Bundy, J. M., author, his "Are we a Nation?"..... 1 pam.
Bostwick, H., M. D., author, his work on the Venereal Disease..... 1 vol.
Buck, G., M. D., two medical pamphlets, by him ..... 2 pams
British Museum, Cuneiform Inscriptions, Vol. III..... 1 vol.
British Museum, Catalogue of Vases, Syriac MSS., Dermoptera, etc. ..... 4 vols.
British Commissioners of Patents, Indexes, etc..... 2 vols.
Boston City Council, Shurtleff's "Description of Boston" 1 vol.
Beaman, C. C., Jr., author, his work on the Alabama Claims ..... 1 vol.
British Commissioners of Patents, Specifications ..... 40 vols.
British Commissioners of Patents, Specifications ..... 16 vols.
British Museum, List of Books of Reference..... 1 vol.
British Museum, Supplement to Catalogue of Seals and Whales..... 1 vol.
British Museum, Publications ..... 2 vols.
British Museum, Publications ..... 2 pams
Brooks, Miss C. E., author, her "Ballads and Translations"..... 1 vol.

Ballard, Edward, author, his "Geographical Names on the Coast of Maine" ..... 1 pam.
British Commissioners of Patents, Specifications ..... 28 vols.
British Commissioners of Patents, Alphabetical Index for 1870 ..... 1 vol.
Brooklyn Mercantile Library, their Annual Report for 1870–71 ..... 1 pam.
Beekman, Jas. W., Centennary Address before Society of N. Y. Hospital ..... 1 pam.
Boudreaux, F. I., author, his "Happiness of Heaven".. 1 vol.
Barnes, J. K., M. D., Surgeon-General, his Annual Report for 1870–71..... 1 pam.
Brinkle, J. G., author, his "Poems"..... 1 vol.
California State Library, Catalogue of same ..... 2 vols.
Carrillo, Don C., author, his "Compendio de la Historia de Yucatan"..... 1 vol.
Croes, J. J. R., "Report on Water from the Tully Lakes, for Syracuse, N. Y." ..... 1 pam.
Clement, Mrs. C. E., author, her "Handbook of Legendary and Mediæval Art" ..... 1 vol.
Canada Geol. Survey, Report of Progress for 1866–9 .. 1 vol.
Cadbury, R., S. L. Knapp's "Life of Thomas Eddy".. 1 vol.
Corkran, S. F., author, his "Roman Medallions, Medallions of Faustina, Senior, and an unpublished Coin of Maximian" ..... 3 pams
Catlin, George, his "Catalogue of Indian Cartoons" .. 1 pam.
Coffin, Prof. J. H. C., E. Schubert's "Tables of Parthenope" ..... 1 pam.
Cincinnati Public Library, their Catalogue..... 1 vol.
Cincinnati Public Library, their Fourth Annual Report, 1 pam.
Cornwall Royal Polytechnic Society, their Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Annual Reports..... 2 vols.
Coffin, Prof. J. H. C., "The American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac," for 1874.. ..... 1 vol.
Chandler, C. F. & W. H., "The American Chemist," for 1870 and 1871..... 2 vols.
De Costa, B. F., editor of, "Home and Abroad," vol. 1.. 1 vol.
Dwight, T. W., Second and Third Reports of N. Y. State Commissioners of Public Charities..... 2 vols.

Durgin, C. E., R. Hoe & Co.'s Catalogue..... 1 vol.
Dwight, T. W., college catalogues, etc.....161pams.
De Costa, B. F., author, his "The Moabite Stone"..... 1 pam.
Davy, R. B., "Journal de Mons. le Cardinal Duc de Richelieu ..... 1 vol.
Edwards, R., author, his "Chicago Census Report and Statistical Review"..... 1 vol.
Fish, Hon. H., Secretary of State, "Report of U. S. Commissioners to the Exposition of 1867"..... 6 vols.
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR 1872.

To the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New York, and President of the Senate:

The Trustees of the Astor Library have the honor to transmit herewith, in obedience to the act of the Legislature, their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1872.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. B. ASTOR,
President.

SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, *Secretary.*

ASTOR LIBRARY, NEW YORK,
January 9, 1873.

REPORT.

The Trustees of the Astor Library beg leave to present to the Legislature of the State of New York their report of the condition and progress of the library during the year last past:

The number of volumes in the library on the 1st day of January, 1872, was	141,803
Since that date there have been added:	
By donation	514
By purchase	1,861
Making the whole number of books and pamphlets in the library at this date	144,178

The trustees refer to the report of the superintendent, hereto annexed, for a classification of these additions, showing that they have been distributed through the various departments of learning, with a due regard to the wants of the library and the best interests of the public.

The superintendent's report shows that many more persons have used the library during the year 1872 than during the previous year, the number of books delivered in the halls having been 111,317 against 92,023 delivered in 1871. The number of admissions to the alcoves has also increased from 5,204 to 5,915. The character of the books consulted, which also appears from the superintendent's report, shows that the library continues to fulfill the generous purposes of its founder in furnishing aid to those students in particular who are engaged in serious and important investigations.

The report of the treasurer, which is also presented herewith, shows the manner in which the funds of the library are invested, and also the receipts and expenditures for the last year. The cash on hand on the 1st of January, 1872, and the income of the library since that date, amount to $16,094.72, which is accounted for as fol lows:

Expenditures for books and binding	$4,067 92
Contingent expenses, fuel and insurance	2,718 92
Repairs	314 45
Salaries	7,669 84
Equipment, etc	786 26
Taxes and assessments	387 84
Cash on hand on the first day of Jan., 1873,	149 49
	$16,094 72

On the eighth day of May last the present superintendent, the assistant librarians and the other persons employed of the institution were reappointed to the same offices for the ensuing year.

The trustees regret to announce that the Hon. J. ROMEYN BRODHEAD has been compelled by ill health to resign his place as a trustee

They have appointed DANIEL D. LORD, Esq., of New York, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. BRODHEAD.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM B. ASTOR,
President.

SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, *Secretary.*

ASTOR LIBRARY, *January 9th*, 1873.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Endowment fund for the site and building			$257,631 85
For books			191,748 05
For maintenance and increase			210,000 00
For equipment			6,545 74
Total			$665,925 64
Increase, by surplus of income to 31st December, 1871		$93,412 49	
Income of 1872	$15,294 72		
Less expenses	10,703 21		
		4,591 51	
Profit on sale of lands bought under foreclosure of Lorenzo Moses' bond		1,348 77	
			99,352 77
Total fund			$765,278 41
Income of 1873, received in advance			1,500 00
			$766,778 41

Invested as follows:

Cost of site and building	$257,852 84
Cost of equipment, shelving, etc	33,374 02
Cost of books and catalogues	256,281 19
Bonds and mortgages	202,500 00
United States stock $15,000	15,135 00
Cash in bank	1,635 36
	$766,778 41

On the 15th of January last, a sale of the lots on Nineteenth street, derived under foreclosure of Lorenzo Moses' bond and mortgage, was made to William E. Keys for $6,500, secured by his bond for five years at seven per cent per annum interest, and mortgage on his house and lot No. 320 West Twentieth street. The profit on the transaction amounts to $1,348.77.

During the year the bonds of Lewis Lewis for $5,000, and of George and Edward Curtis for $4,500, have been paid and the amounts reinvested in the bonds and mortgages of Eugene McGrath, $5,000 on two and two-fifth lots on Madison avenue, corner of One Hundred and Eighteenth street; Mary A. Stafford $4,500 on house and lot on Fifty-ninth street, between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues, both for three years at seven per cent per annum.

The amount of income received during the year, is....	$15,294 72
Surplus income of preceding years deposited in the United States Trust Company, withdrawn.....	800 00
Cash on hand 31st December, 1871, is included in the above amount of income received.....	$16,094 72

And appropriated as follows:

For books and binding.....	$4,067 92
For contingent expenses, fuel and insurances.....	2,718 92
For repairs.....	314 45
For salaries.....	7,669 84
For equipment, additional shelving, counters, tables and chairs.....	786 26
For taxes and assessments on lots on Nineteenth street, accrued before purchase.....	387 84
Balance of cash on hand, less income of 1873 received in advance.....	135 36
For overdraft 31st December, 1871.....	14 13
	$16,094 72

The income for the year 1873 is estimated as follows:

On $202,500 bonds and mortgages, at seven per cent ..	$14,175 00
On $15,000 United States bonds.....	900 00
Premium on gold, ten per cent.....	90 00
	$15,165 00

The amount of insurance now effected on the building is.....	$100,000 00
And on books.....	200,000 00

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. ASTOR,
Treasurer.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

ASTOR LIBRARY, *January* 1, 1873.

To the Board of Trustees:

The superintendent respectfully submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1872:

On January 1, 1872, there were in the Astor Library.. 141,803 vols.

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1872, were added:

(*a.*) By donation	514 vols.	
(*b.*) By purchase	1,861 "	
		2,375 "
Total number of books in the Astor Library 1st January, 1873		144,178 vols.

By the above additions the following departments have been benefited with the respective volumes:

(*a.*) IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART.

Agriculture and Horticulture	33 vols.
Architecture	8 "
Art of War	20 "
Astronomy	20 "
Bibliography	59 "
Chemistry and Physics	22 "
Commerce, Manufactures and Useful Arts	82 "
Domestic Economy	1 vol.
Education	39 vols.
Encyclopedias	3 "
Geography, Atlases, etc	17 "
Natural History	76 "
Jurisprudence	32 "
Magic and Witchcraft	9 "
Mathematics	5 "

Mechanics and Engineering	15 vols.	
Medicine and Surgery	86 "	
Metaphysics and Political Economy	29 "	
Music	9 "	
Painting, Sculpture and Architecture	53 "	
Patents	217 "	
Sports and Games	10 "	
Theology and Ecclesiastical History	93 "	
American and foreign Transactions	20 "	
		958 vols.

(*b.*) IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND LITERATURE.

Mythology, Inscriptions, Numismatics, Universal and Ancient History	55 vols.	
American Documents	174 "	
British Documents	74 "	
American History	236 "	
British History	44 "	
French History	84 "	
German History	14 "	
Italian, Spanish and Portuguese History	8 "	
American Literature	47 "	
British Literature	156 "	
Classical Literature	4 "	
French Literature	30 "	
German Literature	20 "	
Italian, Spanish and Portuguese Literature	17 "	
Scandinavian Literature	5 "	
Orientalia	30 "	
Philology and Linguistics	31 "	
Voyages and Travels	45 "	
		1,074 "
Pamphlets		343 "
Total as above		2,375 vols.

The donations to the Astor Library have been, as will be seen from the accompanying list (A), large and valuable. Among these the rare gift of William Waldorf Astor, Esq., deserves particular attention, who presented to the Astor Library a copy of the first letter of Columbus on his discovery of America, printed by Planck

in Rome, in the year 1493, and consisting of four leaves with thirty-three lines to a full page. As far as known, there are only six copies of this first letter of Columbus in existence, namely:

1. One in the Grenville Library in London.
2. One in the Royal Library of Munich.
3. One in the Magliabechian Library in Florence.
4. One in J. Carter Brown's Library in Providence, R. I.
5. One in James Lenox's Library in New York, and
6. One now in the Astor Library, New York.

In the accompanying tables, B and C, a more detailed account of the operations of this library will be found. It will be observed that the use of the library has largely increased, especially in the department of science and art. In the year 1872, in both departments, 111,317 books were delivered to 26,644 readers in the halls, against 92,023 books to 25,529 readers in the year 1871. In addition to this, there were 5,915 admissions to 1,543 persons in the alcoves, against 5,204 admissions in the year 1871.

The readers in the alcoves in the year 1872 have respectively consulted the following subjects:

Agriculture and horticulture	102
Architecture	93
Art of war	1
Astronomy	103
Bibliography	47
Chemistry and physics	50
Commerce, manufactures and useful arts	26
Education	5
Encyclopedias	131
Geography, atlases and maps	48
History, natural	129
Jurisprudence	188
Magic and witchcraft	14
Mathematics	13
Mechanics and engineering	37
Medicine and surgery	130
Metaphysics, political and social economy	117
Music	18
Painting, sculpture and archæology	515
Patents	1,233
Sports and games	1

Theology and ecclesiastical history	606
Transactions, American	20
" British	15
" European	8
Mythology, inscriptions, numismatics, universal and ancient history	287
Documents, American	7
" British	3
Heraldy and genealogy	36
History, American	272
" British	291
" French	187
" German	29
" Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	26
" Russian, Hungarian and Polish	8
Literature, American	164
" British	330
" classical	171
" French	83
" German	45
" Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	83
Orientalia	113
Philology and linguistics	100
Voyages and travels	30
	5,915

DR. E. R. STRAZNICKY,
Superintendent.

APPENDIX.

TO THE

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY FOR 1872.

A.

DONATIONS TO THE ASTOR LIBRARY IN 1872.

Presented by

Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, "Proceedings from April to September, 1871," Part II. (through Joseph Leidy, M.D.) ..... 1 vol.

Allerton, R. G., author, his "Brook-Trout Fishing" ..... 1 vol.

Abert, S. T., author, his "Notes upon the Projected Routes for an Interoceanic Ship Canal," 1872 ..... 1 pam.

Andover Theological Seminary, "Catalogue for 1871–72". 1 pam.

Almeida, Joao de, "Pedro Americo por Luiz Guimaraes Junior," 18°, Rio Janeiro, 1871 ..... 1 vol.

Almeida, Joao de, "Carta de Quintino, Bocayuva a Pedro Americo," 12°, Rio Janeiro, 1871 ..... 1 pam.

Almeida, Joao de, "Pedro Americo Descripçao do Quadro Historico de Campo Grande da Batalha," 12°, 1871 .... 1 pam.

Almeida, Joao de, "Leitura Popular," 12°, Rio Janeiro, 1871 1 pam.

Almeida, Joao de, "Elementa Servil por Theodoro Parker," 12°, Rio Janeiro, 1871 ..... 1 pam.

Almeida, Joao de, "Fabio por Frei Bibiano," 8°, Rio Janeiro, 1871 ..... 1 pam.

Almeida, Joao de, "Historico e Analyse Esthetigraphica do Quadro da Batalha de Campo Grande," 8°, Rio Janeiro, 1871 ..... 1 pam.

Almeida, Joao de, "Discurso Academico por Pedro Americo de Figueirdo Mello," 8°, Rio Janeiro, 1870 ..... 1 pam.

Almeida, Joao de, "Elisa Lynch por Orion," etc., 8°, Buenos Ayres, 1870 ..... 1 vol.

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Archer, Wm. H., Registrar-General of Patents at Melbourne, Australia, Vol IV. of "Index of Patents and Patentees of Australia," 1871 ..... 1 vol.

American Antiquarian Society, "Proceedings of the Annual Meetings for 1871," 8°, 1872 ..... 1 pam.

American Antiquarian Society (through J. D. Washburn, secretary), "Proceedings of Semi-Annual Meeting," 8° .. 1 pam.

Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, "Proceedings for 1872," Part I, 8° ..... 1 pam.

Adams, C. F. Jr., his Oration in Boston, July 4, 1872, 8°, 1872 ..... 1 pam.

Adams, C. F. Jr., his Address at Quincy, Mass., July 4, 1869, on the Double Anniversary, 1869 ..... 1 pam.

Bates, Stockton, author, his "Dream Life and other Poems," 1 vol.

Boutwell, Hon. George S., "Annual Report of the United States Treasury" for 1871 ..... 1 vol.

Burnett, Gen. W. B., "United States Official Register" for the years 1857, 1859, 1861, 1865 and 1867 ..... 5 vols.

British Museum, F. Walker's "Catalogue of the Hemiptera and Heteroptera ..... 1 vol.

British Museum, "Guide to the Bronze Room," 1871 .... 1 pam.

British Museum, "Bibliotheca Grenvilliana." Part III, 8°, London, 1872 ..... 1 vol.

British Museum, "A Guide to the Select Greek Coins," 12°, 1872 ..... 1 pam.

British Museum, "Catalogue of Ruminant Mammalia," by J. E. Gray, 8°, 1872 ..... 1 vol.

Burnet, Jas. J., "Annual Report of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of New York," for 1871 .... 1 pam.

Barnard, F. A. P., President of Columbia College, "The Metric System of Weights and Measures," 8°, 1872 .... 1 vol.

Bent, Silas, his Address on the "Thermal Paths to the Pole," 1872 ..... 1 pam.

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Bolton, H. C., Hibben and Carswell's "Dictionary of Indian tongues," 12°, Victoria, V. I., 1865 ..... 1 pam.

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Brace, C. L., author, his "Dangerous Classes of New York," 8°, New York, 1872 ..... 1 vol.

Brimmer, Martin, Secretary, "Annual Report of the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy at Harvard University," for the year 1871 ..... 1 pam.

British Commissioners of Patents, "Abridgments of Specifications," 12° ..... 10 vols.

British Commissioners of Patents, "Chronological and Descriptive Index of Patents, from May 4 to September 22, 1871" ..... 20 pams.

British Commissioners of Patents, "Index to Foreign Scientific Periodicals" for 1871 ..... 1 pam.

Brae, A. E., his "Essay on Electrical Communication in Railway Trains," 4°, London, 1865 ..... 1 pam.

Barr, J. C., "Proceedings of the Democratic State Convention held in Baltimore in 1872. P. 8°, 1872 ..... 1 pam.

Boston Public Library, their "Twentieth Annual Report" for 1871. P. 8°, 1872 ..... 1 pam.

Bossange Gustave, his "Literary Annual for 1870–71," 8°. 1 vol.

Bradlee, Rev. C. D., his Sermon, "Christ All in All." P. 8°, Boston, 1872 ..... 1 pam.

Bliss, J. Lee, his "Triplet: Church, State and Vassalage" P. 8°, 1872 ..... 1 pam.

Bradley, L., his "Description of Apparatus for Electric Measurement." P. 8°, 1872 ..... 1 pam.

Barnes, J. K., Surgeon-General, his "Annual Report" for 1872 ..... 1 pam.

Bland, Thomas, "Report upon the Population of Barbados, from 1851 to 1871," by Governor R. W. Rawson... 1 pam.

Cole, F. S., author, his "Oceanica" ..... 1 vol.

Cowdin, Elliot C., his address on "France in 1870–71," 8°, 1872 ..... 1 vol.

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Cincinnati Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, "Thirty-seventh Annual Report," for 1871 ..... 1 pam.

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Charlestown, Mass., Public Library, "Report for 1871"... 1 pam.
Comfort, Prof. G. F., "Proceedings of the American Philological Association for 1871," 8° ..... 1 pam.
Cornell University, their "Register" for 1871–72, 12° .... 1 pam.
Cornell University, "Report of the Committee on Mr. Sage's proposal to endow a College for Women." P. 8°, Ithaca, 1872 ..... 1 pam.
Congress Library, "Catalogue of Additions from Dec. 1, 1869, to Dec. 1, 1870," 4° ..... 1 vol.
Cavender, C. H., his "Catalogue of Works in Refutation of Methodism," fol., New York, 1868 ..... 1 vol.
Chambers, George E., "Report of the Board of Health of Philadelphia, for 1871" ..... 1 vol.
Cincinnati Public Library, "Report of the Progress of Geological Survey of Ohio by Prof. Newbury," 8°, 1871. 1 vol.
Cincinnati Public Library, their "Fifth Annual Report," for 1871 ..... 1 pam.
Cromin, David E., his discourse on "The Equal Distribution of Wealth," 8°, Binghamton, 1872 ..... 1 pam.
Chicago, St. Ignatius College, their "Catalogue for 1871–72" ..... 1 pam.
Cornwall, England, Royal Polytechnic Society, their "Thirty-ninth Annual Report," for 1871, 8° ..... 1 vol.
Cobden Club, "Second Report on the Assessment of Taxes in New York," 12°, 1872 ..... 1 vol.
Chandler, Z., "Proceedings of the National Union Republican Convention," held at Philadelphia, June 5, 6, 1872 1 vol.
Cudmore, P., author, "The Irish Republic, an Historical Memoir," 8°, St. Paul, 1871 ..... 1 vol.
Coffin, Prof. J. H. C., "Tables of Venus," 4°, 1872 ..... 1 pam.
Coffin, Prof. J. H. C., "American Ephemeris for the Year 1875," 8°, 1872 ..... 1 vol.
Drew, Hon. Franklin M., Secretary of the State of Maine, the "Revised Statutes of Maine," 1871 ..... 1 vol.
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Architecture	329	451	142	157	229	71	170	175	131	73	69	1,997
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Astronomy	89	33	44	87	81	51	29	29	24	73	19	559
Bibliography	77	193	157	136	171	110	62	50	127	82	116	1,281
Chemistry and Physics	261	404	347	418	639	616	189	238	441	695	889	5,147
Commerce, Manufactures and Useful Arts	463	235	267	236	227	225	276	380	471	222	187	3,189
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Education	23	84	36	65	42	124	126	72	109	90	472	1,248
Encyclopedias	461	301	508	476	363	482	337	348	391	396	433	4,496
Geography, Atlases and Maps	102	146	154	91	123	136	172	126	145	70	49	1,314
History, Natural	300	297	568	456	544	402	308	464	268	471	180	4,258
Jurisprudence	226	146	431	243	202	110	126	108	263	414	470	2,739
Magic and Witchcraft	74	38	52	49	102	47	59	19	33	30	22	515
Mathematics	36	114	89	64	78	102	75	25	39	57	78	757
Mechanics and Engineering	350	534	182	130	399	68	108	133	632	87	113	2,736
Medicine and Surgery	529	402	401	440	562	562	561	709	524	321	656	5,667
Metaphysics, Political and Social Economy,	256	290	265	134	139	143	123	89	194	176	205	2,014
Music	31	60	45	35	110	39	45	46	90	83	62	646
Painting, Sculpture and Archæology	607	430	443	210	458	274	344	558	757	417	621	5,119
Sports and Games	21	11	69	33	24	12	7	23	44	44	29	317
Theology and Ecclesiastical History	606	758	781	487	943	798	983	384	491	451	423	7,105
Transactions—American	93	9	1	40	20	7	12	92	104	38	133	549
British	86	80	51	41	55	24	28	24	33	30	25	447
European	201	194	107	38	93	206	331	309	109	337	631	2,556
	5,243	5,238	5,179	4,089	5,667	4,644	4,537	4,489	5,685	4,686	6,193	55,660
Total of readers in the hall	1,330	1,382	1,212	1,197	1,213	1,061	978	1,061	1,354	1,119	1,252	13,159
Total of alcove readers	381	335	336	390	359	366	303	324	283	276	297	3,650
Total of hall and alcove readers	1,711	1,717	1,548	1,587	1,572	1,427	1,281	1,385	1,637	1,395	1,549	16,809

C.—*Showing the number of Books, etc.* —(Continued).

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND LITERATURE.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Volumes given out.
Mythology, Inscriptions, Numismatics and Universal and Ancient History	254	237	260	437	418	295	223	267	491	285	317	3,484
Documents—American	299	249	174	223	161	211	172	155	192	98	153	2,087
British	36	24	72	39	35	20	24	12	37	25	31	355
Heraldry and Genealogy	299	296	255	464	299	376	269	316	341	316	335	3,566
History—American	418	537	377	347	374	405	391	311	392	365	347	4,254
British	415	475	409	616	644	656	497	380	566	482	565	5,705
Dutch	3	.....	.....	.....	25	71	42	.....	20	7	23	191
French	292	283	308	302	238	283	143	143	164	177	156	2,484
German	78	97	38	55	84	87	50	37	46	92	69	733
Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	8	43	74	86	36	53	50	4	97	23	30	504
Literary;—and Printing	15	6	79	52	41	31	42	22	47	31	12	378
Russian, Hungarian and Polish	12	12	.....	4	52	55	8	27	.....	.....	8	185
Scandinavian	24	4	9	.....	.....	10	6	22	4	.....	4	83
Language and Rhetoric	23	24	37	41	20	36	23	.....	46	45	16	311
Literature—American	206	142	109	185	115	210	140	129	143	121	146	1,646
British	641	549	692	969	861	653	564	530	807	654	637	7,557
Classical	266	197	330	365	382	458	181	279	380	404	350	3,592
French	409	288	298	356	477	471	287	315	362	248	297	3,798
German	240	191	69	405	172	221	264	126	192	205	158	2,243
Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	18	66	25	65	70	47	17	13	36	26	13	396
Russian, Hungarian and Polish	.....	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36
Scandinavian	60	132	105	217	235	85	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	880
Orientalia	153	165	177	167	113	116	71	79	138	158	90	1,427
Philology and Linguistics	242	226	231	293	327	298	148	185	198	198	140	2,486
Voyages and Travels	176	162	117	178	121	86	95	99	94	120	53	1,301
Novels	390	417	506	747	726	625	560	372	523	551	548	5,965
Total of volumes	4,977	4,858	4,746	6,620	6,026	5,859	4,313	3,823	5,316	4,631	4,488	55,657
Total of readers in the hall	1,345	1,297	1,200	1,482	1,359	1,175	1,079	978	1,081	1,298	1,191	13,485
Total of alcove readers	138	224	199	216	217	189	208	232	251	198	193	2,265
Total of hall and alcove readers	1,483	1,521	1,399	1,698	1,576	1,364	1,287	1,210	1,332	1,496	1,384	15,750

Total of volumes read in both halls	111,317
Total of readers in both halls	26,644
Total of alcove readers in both halls	5,913
Total of hall and alcove readers in both halls	32,557

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY, FOR THE YEAR 1873.

To the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New York and President of the Senate:

The trustees of the Astor Library have the honor to transmit herewith, in obedience to the act of the legislature, their twenty-fifth annual report, being for the year ending December 31, 1873.

Respectfully submitted by

WM. B. ASTOR, *President.*

SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, *Secretary.*

ASTOR LIBRARY, NEW YORK, *January 7th*, 1874.

REPORT.

The trustees of the Astor Library respectfully present to the legislature this, their twenty-fifth annual report of the condition and progress of the library.

Number of volumes in the Astor Library on the 1st day of January, 1873		144, 178 volumes.
Since that date there have been added:		
By donation	1, 607 volumes	
By purchase	1, 855 volumes	
		3, 462 volumes.
Making the whole number of books and pamphlets in the Astor Library on the 1st of January, 1874		147, 640 volumes.

Thus it will be seen that the library continues steadily to increase, and unobtrusively extends its usefulness to the public. In the superintendent's report, which is here annexed in "B," a classification of the 3,462 volumes added to the library during the last year will be found. It shows that these additions were made with a proper regard for the wants of the public.

The use of the library has largely increased, as will be seen from the tabular statements *b* and *c*, annexed to the superintendent's report.

In the year ending December 31, 1872, the number of books delivered to 26,644 readers in the halls was 111,317 volumes. In the last year, ending December 31, 1873, the books delivered to 29,438 readers in the halls were 116,694 volumes; while in 1860 only 59,516 volumes were given out.

The tabular statements (*b* and *c*) in the superintendent's report furnish an accurate and interesting account of the number of readers, of the number of books and of their character, read during each month of the year, and serve, with the reports of preceding years,

to indicate the general and also the particular direction of the public mind.

The donations to the library during the past year have been as large and as valuable, if not larger than during any preceding year. The list of donations (*a*) accompanying the superintendent's report specifies the donors, alphabetically arranged, with their respective gifts.

The report of the treasurer, John Jacob Astor, Esq., is herewith transmitted in "A," and shows more fully the condition of the funds and the manner in which the yearly income of the library is appropriated. The expenses of the last year have been as follows:

For books and binding	$3, 984 82
For shelving and partitions	181 77
For salaries of superintendent, four assistant librarians and two janitors	7, 893 16
For repairs	687 59
For fuel and sundry expenses	1, 700 70
For premium of insurance on books and building	1, 224 70
Total	$15, 672 74

The buildings and the books are insured to the amount of $300,000.

On the seventh of May last the present superintendent, the assistant librarians and the other persons employed in the institution, were re-appointed for the ensuing year.

The trustees regret to state that Alexander Hamilton, Esq., has been compelled, on account of prolonged absence in Europe, to resign his place as a trustee of the Astor Library. They have elected WALTER LANGDON, ESQ., of New York, to fill the vacancy.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. B. ASTOR, *President.*

SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, *Secretary.*

ASTOR LIBRARY, *January 7th*, 1874.

(A.)

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY.

NEW YORK, *December* 31, 1873.

Endowment fund.

For site and building		$257,631 85
For books		191,748 05
For maintenance and increase		210,000 00
For equipment		6,545 74
Total		$665,925 64

Increase by surplus of—

Income to 31st December, 1872		$99,352 77	
Income of 1873	$15,283 59		
Less expenses	11,506 15		
		3,777 44	
Total surplus of income			103,130 21
			$769,055 85
Income of 1874 received in advance			1,727 50
			$770,783 35

Invested as follows:

Cost of site and building	$257,852 84	
Cost of equipment, shelving, etc.	33,555 79	
Cost of books and catalogues	260,266 01	
In bonds and mortgages	202,500 00	
In United States 6s, $15,000 at cost	15,135 00	
In cash in bank	1,473 71	
		$770,783 35

The amount of income received during the year is...		$15,283 59
And the expenditures are:		
For books and binding	$3,984 82	
For shelving and partitions	181 77	
For salaries	7,893 16	
For repairs	687 59	
For fuel and ordinary expenses.....	1,770 70	
For premium of insurance on books and building.....	1,224 70	
		$15,672 74

The capital of $5,000, intended as an endowment for the purchase of books (the income thereof, during the lifetime of Dr. Cogswell, having been applied to the payment of an annuity to him), has not yet been appropriated to that purpose. The income, however, being included in the general income account, has been absorbed in the expenditures above stated. It will be observed that the endowment fund for the maintenance and increase of the library is only $210,000, whereas the invested fund is $217,500, leaving a surplus of $7,500. Of this, $5,000 is the sum above alluded to; $1,348.77 is for profit on the land bought under foreclosure, and the balance, $1,151.23, is derived from income of former years.

The amount of insurance on the building, $100,000, and on the books, $200,000, remains the same as last reported.

There has been received in payment of the bonds of Wharton W. Craig, $6,000, and Alfred Roe, $5,500, and re-invested in the bonds and mortgages of Frederick Marx, on five lots on the south side of Fifty-Ninth street, five years at seven per cent interest per annum for $5,500; and John Emmons, Jr., on two lots on Sixty-Sixth and Sixty-Seventh streets, three years at seven per cent interest per annum for $6,000.

All the bonds and mortgages on hand, $202,500, draw seven per cent interest per annum, and produce...	$14,175 00
Fifteen thousand dollars U. S. 6s in gold.....	900 00
Premium on gold about ten per cent.....	90 00
	$15,165 00

The income of the past year exceeds the estimate about $118, and arises from payments of interest accrued on the two bonds paid off. The excess of expenditures, $389,15, over income has absorbed the balance on hand, of the year 1873, and drawn $253.79 on the income of 1874.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. ASTOR,
Treasurer.

(B.)

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY,

FOR THE YEAR 1873.

To the Board of Trustees:

The superintendent respectfully presents the following report for the year ending December 31, 1873:

On January 1, 1873, there were in the Astor Library, 144,178 vols.
From January 1 to December 31, 1873, were added:

a. By donation	1,607 vols.	
b. By purchase	1,855 vols.	
		3,462 vols.
Total number of books in the Astor Library January 1, 1874		147,640 vols.

The said additions were made with a proper regard for the existing deficiencies in the library, and distributed as follows:

a. IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART.

Agriculture and horticulture	54 vols.
Architecture	31 "
Art of war	29 "
Astronomy	25 "
Bibliography	106 "
Chemistry and physics	63 "
Commerce, manufactures and useful arts	37 "
Domestic economy	9 "
Education	69 "
Encyclopedias	4 "

Geography, atlases and maps	63 vols.	
History, natural	88 "	
Jurisprudence	153 "	
Magic and witchcraft	15 "	
Mathematics	20 "	
Mechanics and engineering	29 "	
Medicine and surgery	166 "	
Metaphysics, political and social economy	107 "	
Music	10 "	
Painting, sculpture and archæology	91 "	
Patents	179 "	
Sports and games	12 "	
Theology and ecclesiastical history	210 "	
Transactions, American, British and European,	39 "	
		1,609 vols.

b. IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND LITERATURE.

Mythology, inscriptions, numismatics and universal and ancient history	92 vols.	
Documents, American	273 "	
British	73 "	
History, American	274 "	
British	130 "	
French	109 "	
German	26 "	
Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	4 "	
Russian, Hungarian and Polish	13 "	
Scandinavian	1 "	
Literature, American	111 "	
British	124 "	
Classical	171 "	
French	129 "	
German	80 "	
Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	10 "	
Russian, Hungarian and Polish	5 "	
Orientalia	18 "	
Philology and Linguistics	107 "	
Voyages and Travels	103 "	
		1,853 vols.
		3,462 vols.

The donations to the Astor Library have been again large and valuable, as will be seen from the accompanying list (*a*). Mr. William B. Astor presented a large and miscellaneous collection of 923 volumes, which appears alphabetically arranged in the said list of donations. It contains some rare and useful works, by which many existing deficiencies were filled. Besides this, Mr. William B. Astor has made a gift to the library in money, to supply some deficiencies in the classical and philological departments. Of this sum, at present only a portion has been expended, and the books thus obtained are not yet included in the above list of donations.

The use of the Astor Library increases steadily, not only in the number of volumes given out, but also in the number of readers, as will be seen from the accompanying tables, *b* and *c*, where a more detailed account of the operations of this library is given. In the year 1873, in the two departments, 116,694 books were delivered to 29,438 readers in the halls, against 111,317 books to 26,644 readers in the year 1872.

In addition to this, there were 6,518 admissions to 1,183 persons in the alcoves, against 5,915 admissions to 1,543 persons in the year 1872.

The 1,183 readers in the alcoves in the year 1873 were engaged in the study of the various subjects as follows:

Agriculture and horticulture	135	admissions.
Architecture	47	"
Art of war	1	"
Astronomy	10	"
Bibliography	24	"
Chemistry and Physics	9	"
Commerce, manufactures and useful arts	64	"
Domestic economy	1	"
Education	47	"
Encyclopedias	42	"
Geography, atlases and maps	28	"
History, natural	36	"
Jurisprudence	220	"
Magic and witchcraft	5	"
Mathematics	88	"
Mechanics and engineering	39	"
Medicine and surgery	106	"
Metaphysics, political and social economy	61	"
Music	40	"

Painting, sculpture and archæology	253	admissions.
Patents	1,531	"
Sports and games	2	"
Theology and ecclesiastical history	607	"
Transactions, American	6	"
Transactions, British	12	"
Transactions, European	1	"
Mythology, inscriptions, numismatics, universal and ancient history	335	"
Documents, American	154	"
" British	138	"
Heraldry and genealogy	199	"
History, American	353	"
" British	379	"
" French	220	"
" German	51	"
" Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	28	"
" Literary, and printing	2	"
" Russian, Hungarian and Polish	3	"
Language and Rhetoric	2	"
Literature, American	206	"
" British	346	"
" classical	171	"
" French	131	"
" German	23	"
" Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	26	"
" Scandinavian	4	"
Orientalia	113	"
Philology and linguistics	161	"
Voyages and travels	48	"
	6,518	

DR. E. R. STRAZNICKY,
Superintendent.

APPENDIX

TO THE

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY, FOR THE YEAR 1873.

A.

Donations of Books to the Astor Library in 1873.

Presented by

Astor, Wm. B.; About, Edmond; L'Infame. 8°. New York, 1867 ..... 1 vol.

About, Edmond; Les amis de Madame. 8°. New York, 1866 ..... 1 vol.

Abrégé du traité des Jardins. 2 vols. 12°. Caen, 1793 ..... 2 vols.

Abstract of the Answers and Returns made pursuant to the acts of George the Third. fol. London, 1802, 1 vol.

Addison, Joseph, works of. 12°. London, 1777..... 3 vols.

Aeschylus, the Tragedies of. 8°. Oxford, 1829 ..... 1 vol.

Agriculture de la pratique. 12°. Paris, 1806 ..... 1 vol.

Ainsworth's Dictionary, abridgement of. 8°. Philadelphia, 1860..... 1 vol.

Allen American Farm Book. 12°. New York, 1852. 1 vol.

Alhoy, Maurice; Les Bagnes. 8°. Paris, 1845..... 1 vol.

Allgemeines bürgerliches Gesetzbuch der Deutschen Erbländer. 12°. Wien, 1811..... 3 vols.

Almanach, Impérial pour l'an, 1806. 8°. Paris, 1806, 1 vol.

Amar, J. A.; Museo Rhetorico. 12°. Paris, 1809... 1 vol.

American Account of the Spanish Settlements. 8°. Edindurgh, 1762..... 1 vol.

American Annual Register for 1796. Philadelphia, 1797..... 1 vol.

Presented by

Astor, Wm. B.; American Angler. 12°. New York, 1846, 1 vol.

American Quarterly Review. Philadelphia, 1832–37, 7 vols.

Alton Locke. 12°. New York, 1850 ..... 1 vol.

Anthon, Charles; Classical Dictionary. 8°. New York, 1841..... 1 vol.

Anthon, Charles; Greek Prosody. 12°. New York, 1838..... 1 vol.

Armstrong, J.; Notices of the War of 1812. 12°. New York, 1840 ..... 4 vols.

Athenian Letters, or Epistolary Correspondence of the Agents of the King of Prussia. Basle, 1800..... 3 vols.

Aubry, M.; Oxonii dux Poeticus. 12°. Oxoni, 1795.. 1 vol.

Auswahl von Freymaurer Gesängen. 8°. Pariji, 1814.. 2 vols.

Balzac, M. de; Splendeurs et Misères des Courtisanes. 12°. Paris, 1845..... 3 vols.

Bancroft, George; History of United States, abridged. 12°. Boston, 1841..... 2 vols.

Baretti; New York Diccionario portatif Español Ingles. 12°. Paris, 1844 ... . 1 vol.

Biagioli, D. G.; Grammatica Francese, etc. 8°. Pariji, 1814..... 2 vols.

Barozzio, Jacques; Règles des Cinq ordres d'Architecture. fol. Paris, 1750 ..... 1 vol.

Barthelemy, M. P.; Nouvel abrégé de la Mythologie, 16°. Paris, 1837..... 1 vol.

Bayley, F. W. N.; The new tale of a Tub. 8°. New York, 1842 ..... 1 vol.

Bode, Dr. Geo. H.; Geschichte der Hellenischen Dichtkunst. 12°. Leipzig, 1838 ..... 3 vols.

Beardsley; Divorce Case. 18°. New York..... 1 vol.

Béranger, P. J. de; Oeuvres Complètes. 8°. Paris, 1840..... 1 vol.

Beauchamp, Alph.; Histoire de la Guerre de la Vendée et des Chouans. 8°. Paris, 1806 ..... 3 vols.

Berburgger, A.; Nouveau Dictionnaire Francais. 12°. Paris, 1845 ..... 1 vol.

Berington, Joseph; History of the Lives of Abeillard and Heloise. 8°. Basle, 1793..... 2 vols.

Biagioli, D. G.; Tesoutte della lingua Toscana. 12°. Paris, 1816..... .... 1 vol.

Presented by

Astor, Wm. B.; Bible, Holy, Old and New Testaments. 16°. London, 1842 ..... 1 vol.

Bidou, C. L.; Guide d'une Mère. 12°. Paris, 1804 .. 2 vols.

Blackstone, Sir Wm.; Commentaries. 12°. New York, 1822 ..... 4 vols.

Blanc, Louis; Révolution Francaise. 12°. Paris, 1849, 12 vols.

Blanc, Louis; Révolutions Historiques. 12°. Bruxelles, 1859 ..... 2 vols.

Blanc, Louis; Organisation du Travail. 12°. Paris, 1845 ..... 1 vol.

Blue Laws or Code of 1650. 12°. Hartford, 1822.... 1 vol.

Blunt, Rev. J. J.; Undesigned Coincidences in the Writings of the Old and New Testaments. 8°. New York, 1847 ..... 1 vol.

Blunt, Rev. J. J.; Speeches, Reviews, Reports, etc. 8°. New York, 1843 ..... 1 vol.

Bohn; Handbook of Games. 8°. London, 1850..... 1 vol.

Borrow, George; Lavengro. 12°. New York, 1851.. 1 vol.

Bosse, A.; Oeuvres de. Paris (*n. d.*)..... 3 vols.

Botta, Carlo; Della Guerra Americana. 8°. Paris, 1809 ..... 4 vols.

Boufflers, Stanislas; Oeuvres de. Paris, 1805..... 2 vols.

Bouterwek's Aesthetik. 12°. Leipzig, 1806..... 1 vol.

Bouvier, P. L.; Manuel de Jeunes Artistes. Paris, 1844 ..... 1 vol.

Bonaparte, Louis Napoléon; Napoleonic Ideas. 12°. New York, 1859 ..... 1 vol.

Bonnet, Charles; Philosophical and Critical Inquiries concerning Christianity. 8°. London, 1787..... . 1 vol.

Boys, Rev. John; Wrought Gold. 8°. New York, 1850 ..... 2 vols.

Buhle, Johannes G.; Lehrbuch der Geschichte der Philosophie. 16°. Göttingen, 1796–1802 ..... 7 vols.

British Architect. fol. London, 1731..... 1 vol.

British Doctrine, which subjects to capture a neutral trade not open in time of peace..... 1 vol.

Brande, W. F.; Dictionary of Science, Literature and Art. 8°. New York, 1846..... 1 vol.

Broder, Chris. G.; Practische Grammatik der lateinischen Sprache. 12°. Leipzig, 1810 ..... 1 vol.

Presented by

Astor, Wm. B.; Brodhead, J. R.; The Government of Sir E. Andros. Morrisania, N. Y., 1867..... 1 vol.

Brodhead, J. R.; Oration of the Conquest of New Netherlands. 8°. New York, 1864..... 1 vol.

Brown, D. J.; The American Muck Book. 12°. New York, 1852..... 1 vol.

Brunel, J.; Parnasse latin Mod. 12°. Lyon, 1808... 2 vols.

Bucholtz, F.; Historisches Taschenbuch für 1814, Berlin ..... 2 vols.

Buist, R.; American Flower Garden. 8°. Phila., 1841..... 1 vol.

Buonarroti, Ph.; Conspiration pour l'égalité dite de Babeuf. 12mo. Bruxelles, 1828..... 2 vols.

Burch divorce case. 8°. New York..... 1 vol.

Burgoyne, Gen. J.; State of the expedition from Canada. 4°. London, 1780..... 1 vol.

Burns, R.; The works of. 8°. London, 1840..... 1 vol.

Butler, Samuel; Atlas of Ancient Geography. 8°. Phila., 1834..... 1 vol.

Byron, Lord; Il Vampiro. 18°. Madrid, 1843..... 1 vol.

Campbell, G.; Philosophy of Rhetoric. 8°. Baltimore..... 1 vol.

Carlyle; History of Frederick the Second. 12°. N. Y., 1858..... 2 vols.

Carnot, H.; Memoire de Barère. 12°. Bruxelles, 1842..... 4 vols.

Castéra, J.; History of Catharine of Russia. 8°. London, 1800..... 1 vol.

Casti, G.; Gli Animali Parlanti. 16°. London, 1822. 1 vol.

Cassagnac, G. de; Histoire des Classes Ouvrières et Bourgeoises. 16°. Bruxelles, 1838..... 1 vol.

Catalogue of the Chi Psi Society, 1849..... 1 vol.

Carus, F. A.; Moral Philosophie. 16°. Leipsic, 1810.. 1 vol.

Carus, F. A.; Psychologie. 16°. Leipsic, 1808..... 6 vols.

Carus, F. A.; Nachgelassene Werke. 12°. Leipsic, 1808..... 1 vol.

Catineau, P.; Nouveau dictionnaire de Poche de la langue Française. 12°. Paris, 1807..... 1 vol.

Causes Célèbres de tous les peuples. 8°. Paris, 1858, 1862..... 5 vols.

Presented by

Astor, Wm. B. Cecil, Lady; Correspondance avec ses enfants. 12°. Paris, 1846. 2 vols.

Cervantes; Don Quixote. 12°. Paris, 1844..... 1 vol.

Chabouillé, C.; Manuel Pratique du laboureur. 12°. Paris, 1795..... 1 vol.

Chateaubriand, F. A.; Du Genie du Christianisme. 8°. Paris, 1802..... 5 vols.

Christian Retirement, or Spiritual Exercises. 12°. New York, 1845..... 1 vol.

Chaudes, A. J.; Les Écrivains modernes. 12°. Paris, 1841..... 1 vol.

Chénier, André; Oeuvres en Prose. 12°. Paris, 1840.. 1 vol.

Cheever, Rev. George B.; A defense of Capital Punishment. 12°. New York, 1846..... 1 vol.

Chenier, M. J.; Poésies. 16°. Bruxelles, 1842..... 1 vol.

Chevalier, Michel; Probable fall in the value of gold; translated by Richard Cobden. 8°. New York, 1859..... 1 vol.

Cholera in Paris; Report on. 8°. New York, 1849.. 1 vol.

Cicero; Tusculan disputations. 8°. Oxford, 1840.... 1 vol.

Cicero; Des devoirs. 12°. Paris, 1798..... 2 vols.

Cicero; Selecta M. Tullii Ciceronis opera. 12°. Paris, 1803..... 1 vol.

Cicero; Lettres de A. M. Brutus. 12°. Paris ..... 1 vol.

Cicero; Academiques de. 12°. Paris, 1796. ..... 1 vol.

Clarendon, Edward, Earl of; Account of life. Basil, 1798..... 5 vols.

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Tyler, A. W. The Tenth Annual Report of the Massachusetts Agricultural College. 8°. Boston, 1873 ..... 1 pam.

Tyler, Prof. Moses Coit. Hepburn's Japanese-English and English-Japanese Dictionary. Sq. 16°. New York, 1873, 1 vol.

Griffis's Japan Primer. 12°. San Francisco, 1872.... 1 pam.

Griffis's New Japan First Reader. 8°. San Francisco and Yokohama, 1873..... 1 vol.

Buttmann's Grammar of the New Testament Greek. 8°. Andover, 1873..... .... 1 vol.

Tafel's Interlinear Translation of the Sacred Scriptures. Hebrew text, part 2; Greek text, part 1.. 2 pams.

United States Military Post Library Association. Their Annual Report for 1872–73. 12 mo. ..... 1 pam.

Van Nostrand D. Leonard F. Beckwith's Report on the Hydraulic Lime of Teil. 8°. New York, 1873 ..... 1 vol.

Vermont State Library. Proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society for October 8, 1872. (Chittenden's Capture of Fort Ticonderoga.) 8°. Montpelier, 1872 .. 1 vol.

Legislative Documents for 1872. 8°. Montpelier, 1872, 3 vols.

Journal of the Senate for 1872. 8°. Montpelier, 1873, 1 vol.

Journal of the House for 1872. 8°. Montpelier, 1873, 1 vol.

Laws of Vermont for 1872. 8°. Montpelier, 1873 ... 1 vol.

Report on the Insane Asylum. 8°. Montpelier, 1873, 1 pam.

Transactions of the Vermont Dairymen's Association for 1872 and 1873. 8°. St. Albans, 1873 ..... 2 pams.

Records of the Council of Safety, and Governor and Council of the State of Vermont, to which are prefixed the records of the General Conventions from July, 1775, to December, 1777. Vol. 1. 8°. Montpelier, 1873..... 1 vol.

Presented by

Walker, Francis A. Superintendent United States Census. The population and social statistics of ninth census. 4°. Washington, 1872 ..... 1 vol.

Walker, Francis A. Compendium of the ninth census. 8°. Washington, 1873 ..... 1 vol.

Warren County Library (Monmouth, Ill.) Its annual statement and circular ..... 1 sheet and 1 pam.

Washington Heights Library. Their fifth annual report. 16°. 1873 ..... 1 pam.

Wells, W. H. Graded course of instruction for the public schools of Chicago. 4th ed. 8°. Chicago, 1872 ..... 1 vol.

West, E. W. Nine American war maps ..... 9 sheets.

West, E. W. Exquemelin's De Americaensche Zee-Rovers. 4°. Amsterdam, 1678 ..... 1 vol.

Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. Its alumni record. 8°. Boston, 1873 ..... 1 vol.

Wiley, John & Son. Their catalogue of scientific works. 8°. 1873 ..... 1 vol.

Williams, J. F. Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society, vol. 1. 8°. St. Paul, 1872 ..... 1 vol.

Williams, Alfred. His address before the Pioneer and Historical Society of Pickaway county, Ohio. 8°. 1873. 1 pam.

Williams, J. F. Annual report of the Minnesota Historical Society for the year 1872. 8°. St. Paul. 1873 ..... 1 pam.

Williams, J. F. Sketch of the organization, objects and membership of the Old Settlers' Association of Minnesota. 12°. St. Paul, 1872 ..... 1 pam.

Wilcox, J., editor. New York Almanac for 1869–1873. 8°. New York. v. y ..... 1 vol.

Wilson, John, London, Eng. Stacey Grimaldi's synopsis of English history. 12°. London, 1871 ..... 1 vol.

Wilson, H. H. "In memoriam" of the late Gen. John W. Geary. 4°. Philadelphia, 1873 ..... 1 vol.

Wilson James G. The Aeneid in modern American. 8°. Winsted, Ct. s. a ..... 1 pam.

Wilson, James G. Niemann's School of the Heart, poetical narrative; philosophical and other illustrations. 8°. Savannah, 1873 ..... 1 pam.

Wines, Rev. E. C. Transactions of the National Penitentiary Congress held in London, July 3–13, 1872. 8°. London, 1872 ..... 1 vol.

Wing, J. M. & Co. Rebuilt Chicago. fol. Chicago, 1873. 1 vol.

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Wisconsin State Historical Society. The catalogue of their library. 8°. Madison, 1873..... 2 vols.

Woodworth, J. M., M. D. Supervising surgeon of the United States Marine Hospital, Washington. His first annual report for 1872. 8°. Washington, 1872..... 1 vol.

Worcester Free Public Library. Their thirteenth annual report for the year 1872. 8°. Worcester, 1873..... 1 vol.

Yale College. Catalogue of the Leonian and Brothers' Library. 8°. New Haven, 1873..... 1 vol.

Yale College in 1873. Some statements respecting the late progress, etc. 8°. New Haven, 1873..... 1 pam.

B.

TABLE showing the number of Books read in the halls of the Library in 1873.

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Volumes given out.
Agriculture and Horticulture	184	220	356	429	319	390	249	207	135	98	85	2,672
Architecture	101	361	245	115	92	91	337	137	184	154	108	1,923
Art of War	15	7	3	13	15	55	7	36	7	10	65	233
Astronomy	19	81	26	74	29	2	61	53	99	127	64	635
Bibliography	71	124	81	176	108	131	174	56	125	204	177	1,427
Chemistry and Physics	353	651	505	510	427	557	320	283	481	508	514	5,109
Commerce, Manufactures and Useful Arts	453	142	430	577	731	428	808	465	368	408	345	5,150
Domestic Economy	16	....	11	13	1	3	11	10	9	22	17	113
Education	10	96	175	108	30	34	10	107	15	21	92	698
Encyclopedias	376	452	431	565	353	328	372	316	534	472	404	4,603
Geography, Atlases and Maps	111	112	279	155	95	81	139	165	97	128	125	1,487
History, Natural	454	567	603	272	592	245	210	230	611	246	345	4,375
Jurisprudence	752	520	869	488	243	117	206	114	383	353	367	4,412
Magic and Witchcraft	7	25	51	60	150	225	70	97	28	7	59	779
Mathematics	89	115	105	127	20	135	44	89	114	99	162	1,099
Mechanics and Engineering	356	528	255	150	87	44	82	154	144	226	184	2,210
Medicine and Surgery	586	822	819	583	688	417	412	517	592	491	741	6,668
Metaphysics, Political and Social Economy	92	119	143	267	142	43	223	68	142	125	121	1,485
Music	11	50	59	60	136	40	9	17	36	25	45	497
Painting, Sculpture and Archæology	522	695	617	595	452	215	246	289	307	381	445	4,764
Patents	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Sports and Games	25	48	53	32	46	10	13	28	47	40	55	397
Theology and Ecclesiastical History	508	416	578	530	342	301	540	324	599	484	380	5,002
Transactions, American	32	107	103	62	7	....	7	202	24	53	50	647
" British	55	78	23	61	47	....	44	58	....	59	40	465
" European	5	363	451	259	483	....	83	217	36	126	66	2,089
Total of volumes	5,203	6,699	7,271	6,290	5,635	3,892	4,677	4,239	5,117	4,862	5,054	58,939
Total of readers in the hall	1,348	1,415	1,668	1,454	1,359	970	1,102	1,053	1,280	1,211	1,287	14,147
Total of alcove readers	338	380	368	410	318	243	270	244	308	261	275	3,415
Total of hall and alcove readers	1,686	1,795	2,036	1,864	1,677	1,213	1,372	1,297	1,588	1,472	1,562	17,562

C. *Showing the number of books, etc.*—(Continued).

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND LITERATURE.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Given out.
Mythology, Inscriptions, Numismatics, and Universal and Ancient History	356	210	309	339	261	222	236	256	237	272	345	3,043
Documents—American	185	226	168	169	190	168	97	153	203	184	191	1,934
British	97	130	108	145	91	70	75	123	128	170	219	1,356
Heraldry and Genealogy	411	309	400	350	319	332	328	342	342	250	302	3,685
History—American	327	348	363	439	294	289	266	362	367	331	418	3,804
British	570	544	595	550	503	389	427	476	476	404	512	5,446
Dutch	23	30	32	23	30	28	8	10	18	39	41	282
French	256	210	300	277	197	165	160	189	161	223	282	2,420
German	170	94	175	143	146	144	86	130	151	150	239	1,628
Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	79	38	44	47	42	49	31	38	49	37	49	503
Literary; and Printing	39	44	42	45	32	17	40	23	47	59	52	440
Russian, Hungarian and Polish	24	37	31	24	44	28	31	65	31	38	71	424
Scandinavian	8	18	12	29	11	....	14	14	18	29	41	194
Language and Rhetoric	38	47	52	53	36	45	36	47	56	45	101	556
Literature—American	229	248	254	274	234	231	317	316	350	350	436	3,239
British	676	605	756	603	560	532	560	479	502	415	536	6,224
Classical	381	552	443	450	377	269	257	298	357	291	252	3,927
Dutch	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
French	327	329	339	380	304	245	220	217	224	313	342	3,243
German	215	102	146	160	188	149	193	159	172	232	266	1,982
Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	33	32	29	49	51	23	48	43	28	38	43	417
Russian, Hungarian and Polish	....	....	10	15	....	....	....	....	12	....	12	49
Scandinavian	....	27	53	44	27	....	....	18	34	46	50	299
Orientalia	116	143	121	192	173	142	182	136	199	188	270	1,862
Philology and Linguistics	221	323	261	361	279	262	251	242	309	231	320	3,060
Voyages and Travels	105	51	108	98	69	74	72	86	104	69	93	929
Novels	757	671	708	690	534	605	578	549	648	501	569	6,810
Total of volumes	5,643	5,368	5,859	5,949	4,992	4,478	4,513	4,771	5,223	4,907	6,052	57,755
Total of readers in the hall	1,437	1,422	1,484	1,563	1,331	1,091	1,206	1,298	1,410	1,324	1,725	15,291
Total of alcove readers	197	218	245	260	301	283	273	306	384	329	307	3,103
Total of hall and alcove readers	1,634	1,640	1,729	1,823	1,632	1,374	1,479	1,604	1,794	1,653	2,032	18,394

Total of volumes read in both halls	116,694
Total of readers in both halls	29,438
Total of alcove readers	6,518

Astor Library, New York. 1875.

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IN SENATE,

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TRUSTEES OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY, FOR THE YEAR 1874.

To the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New York and President of the Senate:

The trustees of the Astor Library have the honor to transmit herewith, in obedience to the act of the legislature, their twenty-sixth annual report, being for the year ending December 31, 1874.

Respectfully submitted by

WM. B. ASTOR, *President.*

SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, *Secretary.*

ASTOR LIBRARY, NEW YORK, *January* 15*th*, 1875.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY.

The trustees of the Astor Library, in obedience to the provisions of the ninth section of the act of the 18th of January, 1849, entitled "An act to incorporate the trustees of the Astor Library," requiring them to make to the legislature, in the month of January in each year, a report for the year ending on the 31st day of December preceding:

1. Of the condition of the said library;
2. Of the funds and other property of the corporation; and,
3. Of its receipts and expenditures during such year,

REPORT

That two thousand six hundred and sixty-six books have been added to the library during the past year; that is to say, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight by donation, and seven hundred and twenty-eight by purchase, making the whole number of volumes now on its shelves, one hundred and fifty thousand three hundred and six. A classification of the books thus added will be found in the superintendent's report hereto annexed (in B), which also includes the titles of those presented to the library. Nearly all the books on our shelves are well bound, in excellent order, and conveniently accessible, and are insured for $200,000.

The number of readers has considerably increased, during the past year, 127,579 books having been delivered to 34,854 readers, while in the year 1873, 116,694 books were delivered to 29,438 readers. This statement embraces readers in the public halls alone, and not those in the alcoves.

In relation to the funds and other property of the institution, the trustees beg leave to refer to the statement of the treasurer hereto annexed (in A), which they desire may be received as a part of their report. By this statement it appears that the receipts during the past year from all sources have been $15,357.81, and the expenditures $15,159.37, and the endowment fund amounts at present to $773,336.55, the particulars of which and its investment are fully stated by the treasurer.

The first report of the trustees was made to the legislature on the 29th day of January, 1850. A quarter of a century has now elapsed since that date, and it seems proper to show what progress has been made by the library in the interval, in additions to its means and in the use made by the public of the advantages it affords.

The original endowment, under the will of Mr. John Jacob Astor, was $400,000, but has been increased during this period of twenty-five years by additional donations and by investment of income, to $773,336.55, nearly twice the original legacy.

The number of volumes in the library in 1850 was about 20,000, increasing in 1854 to about 80,000, and now amounting to 150,306. It should be observed in respect to this increase that, whereas in circulating libraries, works of a light and ephemeral character and many copies of the same work are necessarily added, in the Astor library, which is only for reference and consultation, no duplicates are needed, and, as far as practicable, no books are purchased excepting those of lasting value and importance.

It will be interesting also to see the steady increase in the number of readers in the library. Prior to 1860 and from 1861 to 1864 no tables have been preserved, but since that date they have been uniformly included in the annual reports. An instructive abstract is furnished in the following statement:

Statement of the number of readers and books consulted in the Astor Library from the year 1860 *to* 1874.

	BOOKS READ.		Volumes, total.	Readers in both departments.
	Scientific.	Literary.		
1860	25,533	33,983	59,516	.....
1865	18,896	26,070	44,966	23,085
1866	21,437	32,877	54,314	24,941
1867	27,251	39,175	66,426	31,343
1868	32,085	42,570	74,655	32,299
1869	33,742	43,357	77,099	32,634
1870	32,422	46,513	78,935	30,911
1871	33,428	58,595	92,023	30,909
1872	55,660	55,657	111,317	32,557
1873	58,939	57,755	116,694	35,956
1874	61,493	66,086	127,579	41,692

From 1861 to 1864 the details were not preserved.

It is worthy of notice that the temporary diminution in the use of scientific works, indicated for the year 1870, ceased in the following year, and that the number had nearly doubled in the last year, while the ratio of increase in the department of letters is nearly as great.

In the year 1860, 59,516 volumes were consulted. This number had increased in 1874 to 127,579 volumes. In 1865, there were 23,045 admissions to the library for reading and for consultation. In 1874, there were, including readers in the alcoves, nearly twice as many, that is to say, 41,692. These figures are so suggestive that they can hardly escape public attention.

The tables subjoined to the superintendent's report (in *b* and *c*), show the classification of the works consulted during the year, and prove that the library has been largely used for serious and important study. By far the greater number of inquiries, by alcove readers have been made in the department of patents, that is to say, 2,117 out of 6,838, more than two-sevenths of the whole, and this result justifies the trustees in the attention they have endeavored to give to the purchase and preservation of books connected with the mechanical arts and kindred subjects. At the same time they have been enabled largely to supply a serious want that had been felt in the department of classical literature to which upwards of 600 well selected volumes have been added during the last year.

The trustees have only to add, that on the 7th day of April last, they reappointed the present superintendent and his assistants for the year ending the 1st of May, 1875, and that they have been well satisfied with the manner in which these gentlemen have discharged their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. ASTOR, *President.*

SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, *Secretary.*

ASTOR LIBRARY, *January* 15*th*, 1875.

(A.)

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY.

NEW YORK, *December* 31, 1874.

Endowment fund:

For site and building			$257,631 85
For books			191,748 05
For maintenance and increase			210,000 00
For equipment			6,545 74
Total			$665,925 64
Increase by surplus of—			
Income to 31st December, 1873		$103,120 21	
Income of 1874	$15,357 81		
Less expenses	12,192 78		
		3,165 03	
			106,295 24
Fund and accumulation			$772,220 88
Income of 1875 received in advance			1,115 67
			$773,336 55

Invested as follows:

Cost of site and building	$257,852 84	
Cost of shelving equipment, etc.	33,703 59	
Cost of books and catalogues	263,084 80	
Bonds and mortgages	199,500 00	
United States 6% stock, $15,000, costing	15,135 00	
New York city 7s., $3,000; par	3,000 00	
Cash in bank	1,060 32	
		$773,336 55

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Theology and ecclesiastical history	337	admissions.
Transactions, American and British	3	"
Mythology, inscriptions, numismatics, and universal and ancient history	341	"
Documents, American	196	"
British	214	"
Heraldry and genealogy	194	"
History, American	275	"
British	321	"
French	204	"
German	26	"
Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	46	"
Russian, Hungarian and Polish	11	"
Language and Rhetoric	5	"
Literature — American	201	"
British	348	"
Classical	96	"
French	78	"
German	46	"
Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	31	"
Orientalia	168	"
Philology and Linguistics	122	"
Voyages and Travels	65	"
	6,838	

DR. E. R. STRAZNICKY,
Superintendent.

APPENDIX

TO THE

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY, FOR THE YEAR 1874.

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a.

Donations of Books presented to the Astor Library in 1874.

Presented by

Astor, Wm. B.; *Of B. G. Teubner's Latin Classics, as follows:*

Ampelius, L.; Liber memorialis, edidit E. Woelfflin. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1873 ..... 1 vol.

Anthologica Latina, ed. Alex. Riese. Tom. I. Partes 1 et 2. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1869–70 ..... 2 vols.

Apollonius, Tyrus; Historia ejusdem, ed. Alex. Riese. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1871 ..... 1 vol.

Augustinus; De Civitate Dei, ed. B. Dombart. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1863 ..... 2 vols.

Avianus; Fabulae, ed. W. Froehner. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1862 ..... 1 vol.

Boetius, A. M. T. S.; De Arithmetica, de Musica, de Geometria, ed. G. Friedlein. 12° Lipsiæ, 1867.... 1 vol.

Boetius, A. M. T. S.; Philosophiæ Consolationis, Libri, etc., ed. R. Peiper. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1871..... 1 vol.

Caesar, C. J.; Commentarii, ed. F. Oehler. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1873 ..... 1 vol.

Caesar, Germanicus; Scholia in ejusdem Aratea, ed. F. Eyssenhardt. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1866..... 1 vol.

Catullus, Q. Val.; Carmina, ed. L. Mueller. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1870 ..... 1 vol.

Celsus, A. C.; De Medicina Libri, ed. C. Daremberg. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1859 ..... 1 vol.

Censorinus; De Die Natali Liber, ed. F. Hultsch. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1867..... 1 vol.

Presented by

Astor, Wm. B.; Cicero, M. T.; Scripta quæ manserunt omnia, ed. R. Klotz. Editio altera. 5 vols. in 10. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1868–72 ..... 10 vols.

Cornelius, Nepos; Vitæ, ed. C. Hahn. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1873 ..... 1 vol.

Curtius, Q. R.; De Gestis Alexandri, ed. H. E. Foss. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1873 ..... 1 vol.

Dares, Phrygius; De Excidio Trojæ Historia, ed. F. Meister. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1873 ..... 1 vol.

Dictys, Cretensis; Ephemeridos Belli Trojani Libri, ed. F. Meister. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1872 ..... 1 vol.

Dracontius; Carmina minora, ed. F. De Duhn. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1873 ..... 1 vol.

Eutropius; Breviarum Historiæ Romanæ, ed. D. C. G. Baumgarten-Crusius et H. R. Dietsch. Editio altera. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1871 ..... 1 vol.

Florus, J.; Epitomæ de T. Livio, ed. C. Halm. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1872 ..... 1 vol.

Frontinus, S. J.; Strategematicon, et de Aquæ ductibus Urbis Romæ Liber, ed. A. Dederich. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1855 ..... 1 vol.

Gaius; Institutionum Juris civilis Commentarii, ed. P. E. Huschke. Editio altera. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1873, 1 vol.

Gellius, A. Noctium Atticarum Libri, ed. M. Hertz. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1871, 1872 ..... 2 vols.

Horatius, Q. Fl.; Carmina, ed. L. Mueller. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1873 ..... 1 vol.

Januarius, Nepotianus; Epitoma Librorum Valerii Maximi, ed. C. Halm. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1865 ..... 1 vol.

Julius, Paris; De Prænominibus, etc., ed. C. Hahn. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1865 ..... 1 vol.

Jurisprudentia antejustiniana, ed. P. E. Huschke. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1861 ..... 1 vol.

Justinian; Institutiones, ed. P. E. Huschke. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1868 ..... 1 vol.

Justinus. [See Trogus Pompeius.]

Juvenal, D. J.; Satiræ, ed. C. F. Hermann. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1873 ..... 1 vol.

Livius, T.; Historia, ed. Weissenborn. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1868–'73 ..... 6 vols.

Lucretius, C. T.; De Rerum Natura Libri, ed. J. Bernays. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1871 ..... 1 vol.

Macrobius, A. T.; Opera, ed. T. Eyssenhardt. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1868 ..... 1 vol.

Martialis, M. V.; Epigrammaton, ed. F. Schneidewin. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1871 ..... 1 vol.

Presented by

Astor, Wm. B.; Martianus, Capella; Opera, ed. F. Eyssenhardt. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1866 ..... 1 vol.

Muretus, M. A.; Scripta selecta, ed. J. Frey. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1871–'73 ..... 2 vols.

Namatianus, C. R.; De Reditu suo Libri, et Hadriani, aliorumque, Sæc. A. V. C. X Poetarum Reliquiæ, ed. L. Mueller. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1871 ..... 1 vol.

Ovidius, P. Nasso; Carmina, ed. R. Merkel. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1871 ..... 3 vols.

Paterculus, M. Vell.; Historia, ed. F. Haase. Editio altera. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1870 ..... 1 vol.

Persius, A. Fl.; Satiræ, ed. C. F. Hermann. 12°. Lipsiæ, 1873 ..... 1 vol.

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Architecture	86	13	102	91	117	123	54	81	167	83	203	1,120
Art of War	4	2	18	8	65	13	1	11	14	2	27	165
Astronomy	86	117	106	127	108	56	68	88	88	52	80	976
Bibliography	56	116	106	96	131	124	64	46	57	89	211	1,096
Chemistry and Physics	817	433	514	576	536	386	344	394	377	229	723	5,329
Commerce, Manufactures and Useful Arts	509	339	432	422	528	408	313	236	339	256	510	4,292
Domestic Economy	16	33	40	12	6	13	19	2	....	....	40	181
Education	32	27	36	67	43	54	21	136	104	43	187	750
Encyclopedias	773	605	763	635	578	388	432	435	523	423	698	6,253
Geography, Atlases and Maps	102	87	139	138	122	177	97	111	104	140	157	1,374
History, Natural	729	638	553	555	334	467	371	318	306	287	514	5,072
Jurisprudence	572	262	344	350	133	151	243	193	223	151	324	2,946
Magic and Witchcraft	77	39	81	147	107	54	41	134	73	82	86	921
Mathematics	124	115	264	128	113	197	87	77	75	121	126	1,427
Mechanics and Engineering	506	406	409	320	207	268	116	114	198	163	130	2,837
Medicine and Surgery	721	443	961	644	448	595	383	413	463	391	518	5,980
Metaphysics, Political and Social Economy	159	99	153	163	139	150	177	152	241	300	267	2,000
Music	76	21	58	76	152	47	14	56	48	52	51	651
Painting, Sculpture and Archæology	717	430	481	534	506	498	282	422	563	470	491	5,424
Patents	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...
Sports and Games	77	55	55	24	57	72	39	72	33	46	63	593
Theology and Ecclesiastical History	994	682	921	704	421	568	561	489	637	608	614	7,199
Transactions, American	103	150	100	105	28	126	70	70	70	86	50	958
" British	10	75	....	186	82	81	95	90	66	95	121	901
" European	175	275	400	55	45	186	186	35	107	254	133	1,851
Total of volumes	7,618	5,545	7,182	6,299	5,147	5,321	4,130	4,234	5,019	4,520	6,478	61,493
Total of readers in the hall	1,642	1,413	1,769	1,553	1,368	1,368	1,012	1,248	1,545	1,374	1,663	15,955
Total of alcove readers	376	330	432	354	343	368	303	308	389	266	381	3,850
Total of hall and alcove readers	2,018	1,743	2,201	1,907	1,711	1,736	1,315	1,556	1,934	1,640	2,044	19,805

TABLE (*c*)

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND LITERATURE.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Vols. given out.
Mythology, Inscriptions, Numismatics, and Universal and Ancient History	344	330	411	498	312	332	311	300	323	344	428	3,933
Documents — American	256	250	364	307	222	261	281	285	372	307	354	3,259
British	208	202	371	271	256	245	252	330	315	315	389	3,154
Heraldry and Genealogy	330	355	344	356	318	271	299	292	326	271	323	3,485
History — American	489	404	475	525	265	342	400	388	422	353	463	4,626
British	533	485	560	528	441	441	461	393	436	397	511	5,186
Dutch	44	58	59	66	52	42	39	39	54	29	62	544
French	348	259	253	302	254	208	229	230	244	225	306	2,858
German	266	234	186	254	166	166	232	152	223	163	264	2,306
Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	79	50	100	78	58	77	54	57	132	53	100	838
Literary, and Printing	87	87	121	135	85	77	79	74	105	62	131	1,043
Russian, Hungarian and Polish	84	60	61	90	82	55	82	44	57	86	96	797
Scandinavian	69	47	40	67	51	36	34	39	86	82	79	630
Language and Rhetoric	189	75	92	85	129	75	138	88	161	131	214	1,377
Literature — American	391	390	428	463	333	365	379	351	420	342	453	4,305
British	547	473	506	544	416	430	402	436	447	423	479	5,103
Classical	244	220	289	343	253	322	247	229	286	234	322	2,989
Dutch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
French	355	219	394	513	300	258	233	218	223	188	308	3,209
German	307	164	265	263	219	178	176	204	263	225	333	2,597
Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	63	63	55	52	27	74	35	40	82	24	77	592
Russian, Hungarian and Polish	66	34	28	69	34	10	32	37	20	11	11	352
Scandinavian	177	85	63	87	75	86	95	74	163	103	109	1,117
Orientalia	305	200	293	281	195	180	237	207	243	182	306	2,629
Philology and Linguistics	273	223	233	215	168	198	233	185	198	177	275	2,378
Voyages and Travels	158	71	126	86	74	79	91	100	132	90	146	1,153
Novels	596	499	654	679	507	418	412	419	476	477	489	5,626
Total of volumes	6,808	5,527	6,771	7,157	5,392	5,226	5,463	5,211	6,209	5,294	7,028	66,086
Total of readers in the hall	2,037	1,686	2,031	1,978	1,552	1,411	1,334	1,349	1,773	1,614	2,134	18,899
Total of alcove readers	288	263	259	345	377	304	288	245	229	197	193	2,988
Total of hall and alcove readers	2,325	1,949	2,290	2,323	1,929	1,715	1,622	1,594	2,002	1,811	2,327	21,887

Total of volumes read in both halls	127,579		
Total of readers in both halls		34,854	
Total of alcove readers		6,868	— 41,602

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY, FOR THE YEAR 1875.

To the Honorable, the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New York and President of the Senate:

The trustees of the Astor Library have the honor to transmit herewith to the legislature, in obedience to their act of incorporation, this, their twenty-seventh annual report, embracing the year ending the 31st of December, 1875.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. MARKOE,
Chairman pro tem. of the Board of Trustees.

SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, *Secretary.*

ASTOR LIBRARY, NEW YORK, *January 25th*, 1876.

REPORT.

The trustees of the Astor Library respectfully present to the legislature of the State of New York, this, their twenty-seventh annual report of the condition, funds, receipts and expenditures of the library for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1875.

They are gratified to report a marked improvement in all respects since the presentation of their last report in January last, in the condition, the usefulness and the prospects of the library.

On the 1st of January, 1875, there were in the library.....		150, 306 volumes
During the past year there have been added by donation.....	1, 739	
And by purchase	401	2, 140 volumes
Making the whole number of books in the library on the 1st of January, 1876..		152, 446 volumes

Some of these additions are particularly interesting and valuable as will be seen by the report of Dr. STRAZNICKY, the superintendent, herewith furnished (B.) in which they are fully classified, with the names of the donors.

That report embraces and continues the customary statistics of the number and the subjects of the books read, and also the number of readers, showing a gratifying increase in both respects.

In 1874, 127,579 volumes were delivered to 34,854 readers.

In 1875, 135,065 volumes were delivered to 36,735 readers.

Increase in books read, 7,486 volumes, and in readers 1,881.

In 1860 the number of books delivered, was 59,516.

Increase in the sixteen years from 1860 to 1875 in books read, 75,549, being one hundred and twenty-nine per cent.

The population of the city increased from 1860 to 1875, from 814,254 to 988,618, increase 174,364, being only twenty-two per cent, exhibiting a striking increase in the public demand for books

of the character found in the library. Of the 135,065 volumes read, only 5,028 were novels.

The report of Mr. JOHN JACOB ASTOR, the treasurer of the board, herewith also furnished (A.), accurately states the condition of the property and funds of the library to the 31st of December last. The property has increased from the original bequest of $400,000 by the founder of the library, to $778,356.30 with a slight temporary debt caused by unexpected repairs, of $2,732.84, leaving the amount on the 1st of January, 1876, $775,623.80.

The history of the library during the last year, has been specially solemnized by the death of one of its greatest benefactors.

At the meeting of the board of trustees on the 9th of December, 1875, the senior member of the board, Mr. SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, officially announced to his colleagues the death in this city on the 24th of November last, of Mr. WILLIAM B. ASTOR, the honored president of the board, and moved a resolution which was unanimously adopted, that a committee, to consist of the Hon. JOHN A. DIX and Mr. WILLIAM J. HOPPIN, be instructed to prepare a suitable minute or memorial in respect to the character and services of the late president, to be entered on the records of the board.

The committee, at the next meeting of the board, reported for adoption and entry on the records, the following

MEMORIAL.

"The lamented death of WILLIAM B. ASTOR, on the 24th day of November last, enables the trustees to discharge a duty which their regard for his wishes prevented them from performing in his lifetime, and that is to express in an official form their deep respect for his character and gratitude for his services. Such was his singular modesty and his unaffected dislike of whatever might possibly be considered to savor of ostentation, that his colleagues frequently refrained from making even those customary and formal acknowledgments of benefactions which, under other circumstances, would have been proper.

"Mr. ASTOR was the second private individual named as a trustee in the will of the founder of the library. The first was Mr. WASHINGTON IRVING, whom he succeeded as president in the year 1860. He has discharged the duties of that office ever since, and in a manner which endeared him to all his colleagues. They remember with peculiar pleasure his courteous manner, his excellent judgment, and his wise hesitation in adopting any novel or untried experiment.

His punctuality was remarkable. He was always the earliest one to appear at the board, and nothing but grave illness prevented his attendance. So late as the 10th of November last, only a fortnight before his death, neither the excessive inclemency of the weather, nor the demand for indulgence which his eighty years of age might have suggested, hindered him from presiding at our meeting.

"He was as constant and regular in his gifts to the library as he was in the performance of his official duties. He began to bestow them at its organization, and he continued them until the day of his death. His filial reverence, which was one of his conspicuous traits, undoubtedly prompted him to extend the work which his father had so auspiciously commenced.

"But his own love of letters, and his knowledge of the wants of American scholars, were also active agents in inducing him to increase the resources of our institution, and to place it in the way of becoming at some future day one of the great libraries of the world. No one knew better than himself that it is not yet entitled to that rank, but he had a just appreciation of its peculiar merits, and he believed that after a certain point had been attained, a slow and steady growth, contemporaneous with the demands which should be made upon it from day to day, was more wholesome and useful than any sudden or extraordinary additions. His gifts, therefore, were not only liberal, but they were timely and judicious. It seems proper to enumerate them in this minute, both in justice to his memory and as important facts in the history of the library.

"Before the first building was completed, he added a considerable sum to the fund to make it fire-proof. Shortly afterward he placed more than fifteen thousand dollars at the disposal of Mr. COGSWELL, to buy books for a special technological department. In 1855 he conveyed to the trustees three parcels of land adjoining the original building, and erected thereon a new structure in harmony with, but of greater capacity than the other, at a cost of upwards of one hundred and fifty-six thousand dollars. In 1857 he contributed five thousand dollars, and in 1860 six thousand dollars for books. In 1862 he established an annuity for the purchase of Dr. COGSWELL's bibliographical collection, and in 1866 he made a further donation of fifty thousand dollars for the general purposes of the institution. In addition to these gifts, there were others of money and books which are not specified in the treasurer's account, but which, as stated in the trustees' report of 1867, had made the total of his donations to that date more than three hundred thousand dollars. In that same

year he paid between six and seven thousand dollars for a steam heating apparatus, and since then five thousand dollars for additions to the Classical Department.

"The simple statement of these contributions, without any elaborate panegyric, is sufficient to show the magnitude of the debt which the lovers of learning throughout the country owe to Mr. ASTOR.

"The trustees cannot deny themselves the pleasure of joining to this record of his public service an acknowledgment of the gratification which his personal relations with them have afforded. Mr. ASTOR had excellent natural abilities, which were carefully cultivated by study and observation. He had the advantage in early youth of the instruction and companionship of BUNSEN, afterward the distinguished scholar and diplomatist. He followed the regular courses at Göttingen, and his note-books of lectures, which he had written out in German and which have been accidently preserved, discover a self-denying industry seldom shown by young men in his position. The pleasant impression he left in those academic circles was long remembered, and many years afterward was mentioned to a friend and colleague who was visiting Göttingen. Mr. ASTOR was a good linguist, and thus was able to improve his privilege of mingling in the refined society of several European capitals in the early part of the present century. He had considerable powers of observation and a retentive memory, and his descriptions of Madame De STAEL and other celebrated personages he had met were interesting and instructive.

"After his return to America, he cultivated the acquaintance of leading men in professional, literary and artistic life, and he was always among the first to receive distinguished visitors from abroad. His hospitality was discriminating as well as generous, and his entertainments were remarkable not only for their taste and elegance, but also for that which was far more grateful to his guests, an intelligent recognition of each one's particular claims to attention. He was a skillful judge of character, and sometimes seasoned his conversation with a trace of humor which surprised those who had chiefly known him in his connection with affairs. He constantly read the best books, and was particularly interested in the letters and biographies of celebrated men, upon which his comments were discriminating, although he disliked so much to appear to make a parade of learning, that it was only by some happy accident that his large information upon these and kindred topics could be ascertained. His manners were simple and cordial, and in his

courtesy to women and young people, he recalled the best days of the old school. The quiet kindliness with which he greeted his friends, without any undue demonstration by word or gesture, was peculiarly grateful. If it was calm and unaffected, it was also invariable, and was never chilled by advancing age or illness, or the pre-occupation of affairs. His politeness was not a varnish. It was something inherent in the grain, which all the rubbing of a long, and in some respects, an anxious life, only made to shine more brightly. It seems to be descending somewhat from the dignity of the subject, to add, that with such refined tastes and natural kindness of heart, Mr. ASTOR never, by any possibility, gave the impression in his manners or conversation that he was the possessor of large wealth. But this extraordinary absence of every species of ostentation was so striking a feature of his character, that any sketch of him, however hasty, would be incomplete without noticing it.

"In concluding this imperfect memorial of Mr. ASTOR, the trustees may be permitted to say, that his home was gladdened and adorned by a long and happy union with one whose tastes, manners and sensibilities were singularly akin to his own. These relations, as well as those connected with religious duty, are too intimate and sacred to be enlarged upon here. It is sufficient to state, that they who knew him best in those regards, found abundant reasons for a love and a respect which grew purer and stronger with advancing years."

This memorial was received with marked interest by all the trustees present, and unanimously approved, with a resolution that it be fully entered on their records, and that a copy duly engrossed and authenticated, be sent by the secretary, to Mr. JOHN JACOB ASTOR, on behalf of the family of the late president.

Mr. JOHN JACOB ASTOR was shortly afterwards in attendance, during a subsequent stage of the meeting, and then submitted his annual report as treasurer for the year 1875, herein above referred to, after which, as one of the executors of the last will and testament of his father, the late president, he stated in a written communication that in and by the said will the testator had made a "bequest to the library of $249,000, payable in one, two and three years after his decease, in equal, annual payments; $49,000 to be applied to the purposes of the library, as specified in the codicil of the will of JOHN JACOB ASTOR." That "$25,000 of the $200,000 may be invested in books; the residue to be kept as a permanent fund."

Without expatiating, at present, upon the peculiar value and

importance to the library, of this large bequest, the trustees will only say, that they have received, with much sensibility, this further proof of the enlightened and thoughtful liberality of their late president, by which the sum total of his individual benefactions now exceeds five hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($550,000), which will augment the aggegate property of the library within the next three years, to a sum exceeding a million of dollars, not to speak of the large excess in the present value of the books beyond their actual cost.

The trustees feel fully justified in congratulating the people of the state and the lovers of learning everywhere, upon the largely increased intellectual and moral benefits they must permanently derive from this last generous and well considered gift from Mr. ASTOR, fully keeping pace with the growth alike of the state and the metropolis in the period which has elapsed since the death, in 1848, of the far-seeing and honored founder of the library.

T. M. MARKOE,
Chairman pro tem.

SAMUEL B. RUGGLES,
Secretary and Senior Trustee.

ASTOR LIBRARY, NEW YORK, *January* 25, 1876.

(A.)

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY.

NEW YORK, *December* 31, 1875.

Endowment fund.

For the site and building			$257, 631 85
For books			191, 748 05
For maintenance and increase			210, 000 00
For equipment			6, 545 74
Total			$665, 925 64
Increase by surplus of			
Income to 31st December, 1874		$106, 295 24	
Income of 1875	$15, 118 70		
Less expenses	12, 452 08		
		2, 666 62	
			108, 961 86
Total fund and accumulation			$774, 887 50
Income of 1876 received in advance			736 00
Loan made by Wm. B. Astor to treasurer			2, 732 80
			$778, 356 30

Invested as follows:

Cost of site and building	$257, 852 84	
Cost of shelving, equipment, etc	33, 703 59	
Cost of books and catalogues	267, 822 99	
Bonds and mortgages	199, 500 00	
15,000 United States 5-20 6's	15, 135 00	
3,000 New York city 7c, cost	3, 000 00	
Cash in bank	1, 341 88	
		$778, 356 30

During the year payment has been received of the bonds and mortgages of:

The Bloomingdale Methodist Episcopal Church.....	$10, 000 00
Eugene McGrath.....	5, 000 00

And the amounts respectively invested in the bonds and mortgages of Isaac Hockster, $10,000 on house and lot No. 231 West Thirty-ninth street. Harriet and William Bausch $5,000 on house and lot No. 111 West Forty-seventh street, both at 7 per cent interest.

The income of the year amounts to.....		$15, 118 70
And the expenditures are:		
For books and binding.....	$4, 738 19	
For salaries.....	8, 459 85	
For repairs to the building.....	1, 130 93	
For fuel and ordinary expenses.....	1, 895 70	
For premium of insurance on books and building.....	965 60	
		17, 190 27
Excess of expenditures.....		$2, 071 57

The securities remain unchanged in amount from that reported last year, and the income to be derived therefrom will not vary materially from the sum above stated.

The outlay for repairs to the building exceeds that of several years past, in consequence of the shrinkage and settlement of the roof timbers.

Of the cash on hand, $1,341.88, $736 belongs to the income account of 1876, having been received in advance; leaving $605.88 toward the re-payment of the loan made by the late WM. B. ASTOR. The balance due, $2,126.92, being drawn from the income of 1876, leaves the treasurer about $13,000 as his resources for the year's expenses and for books.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. ASTOR,

Treasurer.

(B.)

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY,

FOR THE YEAR 1875.

To the Board of Trustees:

The superintendent respectfully presents the following report for the year ending December 31, 1875:

On January 1, 1875, there were in the Astor Library,		150, 306 vols.
From January 1, to December 31, 1875, were added:		
a. By donation	1, 739 vols.	
b. By purchase	401 vols.	
		2, 140 vols.
Total number of books in the Astor Library, January 1, 1876		152, 446 vols.

In these additions are represented the following subjects:

a. IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART.

Agriculture and Horticulture	19	vols.
Architecture	7	"
Art of War	9	"
Astronomy	14	"
Bibliography	83	"
Chemistry and Physics	17	"
Commerce, Manufactures, and Useful Arts,	53	"
Domestic economy	3	"
Education	54	"
Encyclopedias	7	"
Geography, Atlases, and Maps	46	"
History, natural	118	"

Jurisprudence	77	vols.	
Magic and Witchcraft	3	"	
Mathematics	6	"	
Mechanics and Engineering	23	"	
Medicine and Surgery	123	"	
Metaphysics, Political and Social Economy,	62	"	
Music	10	"	
Painting, Sculpture, and Archæology	49	"	
Patents	152	"	
Sports and Games	12	"	
Theology and Ecclesiastical History	95	"	
Transactions, American	3	"	
British	4	"	
European	26	"	
			1, 075 vols.

b. IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND LITERATURE.

Mythology, Inscriptions, Numismatics, and Universal and Ancient History	44	vols.	
History, American	444	"	
British	191	"	
Dutch	3	"	
French	38	"	
German	20	"	
Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese	99	"	
Russian, Hungarian, and Polish	2	"	
Literature, American	23	"	
British	66	"	
Classical	4	"	
French	24	"	
German	13	"	
Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese	1	"	
Russian, Hungarian, and Polish	2	"	
Scandinavian	3	"	
Orientalia	33	"	
Philology and linguistics	38	"	
Voyages and travels	17	"	
			1, 065 vols.
			2, 140 vols.

The donations to the library have been about as large and as valuable as in the preceding year. The donors appear in the appendix (*a*) to this report, alphabetically arranged, with their respective gifts. The largest donor is the late Mr. Wm. B. Astor, who made a gift in money to the library with which the collection, which appears under his name in the appendix, has been bought. In that collection, the Ebers Papyros deserves particular mention — a *fac simile* reproduction of an original Egyptian document over 3,400 years old. It is the largest, best preserved and most legible text in the language of hieroglyphics. Only a partial synopsis of its contents has yet appeared in German and in Latin. The literary, scientific and historical importance of this remarkable document cannot be over-estimated, and when the English translation, which is said to be now in preparation, appears, it will furnish more indubitable insight into the private life of the ancient Egyptians than any other document of a similar character.

Another valuable donation by the late Mr. Wm. B. Astor is Edward Arber's Collection of English Reprints, which embraces the Transcript of the Registers of the Company of Stationers of London, between the years 1554 and 1640, in five volumes, quarto. Of this, the second volume only has been received. The others will soon follow.

The use of the library is steadily increasing. The accompanying tables (*b* and *c*) furnish a statistical account of it, by which it will be seen that, in the year 1875, 135,065 volumes were delivered to 36,735 readers, against 127,579 volumes to 34,854 readers in the year 1874. In addition to these, there were 5,871 admissions to 1,286 persons in the alcoves, against 6,838 admissions to 1,208 persons in the year 1874. Of the above 5,871 admissions, there were in the department of patents alone 2,671 admissions to 957 persons, so that only 3,200 admissions to 329 persons remain for the other alcoves of the library.

The 1,286 readers in the alcoves were engaged in the examination of the following subjects:

Agriculture and Horticulture	150	admissions.
Architecture	26	"
Astronomy	9	"
Bibliography	25	"
Chemistry and Physics	122	"
Commerce, Manufactures, and Useful Arts	16	"
Education	149	"

Encyclopedias	222	admissions.
Geography, Atlases and Maps	32	"
History, Natural	35	"
Jurisprudence	56	"
Mathematics	52	"
Mechanics and Engineering	5	"
Medicine and Surgery	217	"
Metaphysics, Political, and Social Economy	117	"
Music	12	"
Painting, Sculpture, and Archæology	50	"
Patents	2, 671	"
Theology and Ecclesiastical History	170	"
Transactions — British	2	"
Mythology, Inscriptions, Numismatics, and Universal and Ancient History	202	"
Documents — American	110	"
British	127	"
Heraldry and Genealogy	124	"
History — American	158	"
British	203	"
French	141	"
German	17	"
Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese	5	"
Russian, Hungarian, and Polish	4	"
Language and Rhetoric	14	"
Literature — American	57	"
British	204	"
Classical	64	"
French	19	"
German	7	"
Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese	6	"
Orientalia	99	"
Philology and Linguistics	130	"
Voyages and Travels	42	"
	5, 871	admissions.

DR. E. R. STRAZNICKY,
Superintendent.

APPENDIX

TO THE

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY, FOR THE YEAR 1875.

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a.

Donations to the Astor Library in 1875.

Presented by

Astor, Wm. B.; Abbott, B. V. and A.; A Digest of New York Statutes and Reports, from January, 1867, to November, 1869. Being the third Supplement to [and eighth volume of] Abbott's New York Digest. Imp. 8vo. New York, 1870..... 1 vol.

Abbott, E. A.; A Shakespearian Grammar. Sm. 8vo. London, 1869..... 1 vol.

Adler, G. J.; A Dictionary of the German and English Languages. 7th revised edition. 8vo. New York, 1868..... 1 vol.

Allibone, S. Austin; Prose Quotations from Socrates to Macaulay. Imp. 8vo. Philadelphia, 1876..... 1 vol.

Alston, Washington; Outlines and Sketches. Oblong folio. Boston, 1850..... 1 vol.

Althaus, Julius; A Treatise on Medical Electricity. 8vo. London, 1870..... 1 vol.

American Institute of Homœopathy; Its Transactions at the 22d and 23d Sessions, held in Boston, June 8–11, 1869, and Chicago, June 7–10, 1870. 8vo. Boston and Chicago, 1869–1870..... 2 vols.

Andryane, Alexander; Memoirs of a Prisoner of State. 12mo. London, 1838–1840..... 2 vols.

Of Edward Arber's English Reprints, as follows:

Addison, Joseph; Criticism on Milton's Paradise Lost. (1711–1712.) Sm. 4°. London, 1869..... 1 vol.

Presented by

Astor, Wm. B.; Ascham, Roger; The Scholemaster, (from the 1st edition, 1570, and the 2d edition, 1571.) 4to. London, 1870 ..... 1 vol.

Ascham, R.; Toxophilus, (1545.) 4to. London, 1869 ..... 1 vol.

Bacon, Francis; A Harmony of the Essays. 4to. London, 1871 ..... 1 vol.

Earle, John; Micro-Cosmographie, (from the 5th edition, 1629, and 6th edition, 1633.) 4to. London, 1869 ..... 1 vol.

Gascoigne, George; 1, Certayne Notes of Instruction in English Verse, (1575.) 2, The Steele Glas, (1576.) 3, The Complaynt of Philomene, (1576.) 4to. London, 1869 ..... 1 vol.

Googe, Barnabe; Eglogs, Epitaphes and Sonnettes, (1563.) 4to. London, 1871 ..... 1 vol.

Gosson, Stephen; The Schoole of Abuse, (1579.) A Short Apologie for the Same, (1579.) 4to. London, 1869 ..... 1 vol.

Habington, William; Castara, (from the editions of 1634, 1635, and 1640.) 4to. London, 1870 ..... 1 vol.

Howell, James; instructions for Foreinne Travell, (from the 2d edition of 1650.) 4to. London, 1869 ..... 1 vol.

James VI. of Scotland, I of England; The Essayes of a Prentise in the Divine Art of Poesie, (1585.) A Counter blaste to Tobacco, (1604.) 4to. London, 1870 ..... 1 vol.

Latimer, Hugh; Sermon on the Ploughers, (1549.) 4to. London, 1869 ..... 1 vol.

Latimer, Hugh; Seven Sermons before Edward VI, (1549.) 4to. London, 1869 ..... 1 vol.

Lever, Thomas; Sermons, (1550.) 4to. London, 1871 ..... 1 vol.

Lyly, John; Euphues. The Anatomy of Wit, (1579.) Euphues and his England, (1580.) 4to. London, 1869 ..... 1 vol.

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TABLE showing the number of books read in the halls of the library in 1875.

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Volumes given out.
Agriculture and horticulture	177	156	128	234	188	127	202	154	103	106	89	1,664
Architecture	178	221	150	133	166	104	129	150	93	104	87	1,515
Art of war	23	10	7	.....	.....	1	18	11	20	.....	20	110
Astronomy	93	98	110	135	104	100	122	96	73	29	118	1,078
Bibliography	80	141	90	137	66	100	95	113	32	113	83	1,050
Chemistry and physics	633	509	716	665	693	384	415	413	502	321	397	5,648
Commerce, manufactures and useful arts	466	439	402	471	655	342	311	374	465	458	347	4,730
Domestic economy	19	24	52	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	32	12	2	159
Education	141	101	134	81	137	114	126	202	100	68	70	1,274
Encyclopedias	611	490	944	541	727	453	611	355	484	409	419	6,044
Geography, atlases, and maps	224	135	159	126	253	162	138	167	124	66	214	1,768
History, natural	488	477	401	469	427	297	397	339	295	247	324	4,161
Jurisprudence	265	231	316	507	231	137	319	156	165	159	137	2,623
Magic and witchcraft	96	82	97	95	129	73	90	122	87	35	166	1,072
Mathematics	215	172	149	181	215	146	105	142	123	65	159	1,672
Mechanics and engineering	359	322	373	483	399	259	409	330	608	530	352	4,424
Medicine and surgery	639	608	629	716	444	385	487	439	430	405	342	5,519
Metaphysics, political and social economy	356	178	279	318	256	189	275	221	184	158	164	2,578
Music	79	28	68	147	109	62	137	122	94	55	81	982
Painting, sculpture and archæology	530	427	505	620	418	320	398	322	280	257	440	4,517
Sports and games	81	71	65	74	104	76	95	71	33	40	104	814
Theology and ecclesiastical history	556	512	658	720	576	355	482	457	469	469	544	5,798
Transactions—American	146	48	65	93	76	82	135	74	89	24	106	938
British	103	92	177	140	100	101	120	90	129	125	145	1,322
European	392	262	462	280	195	212	315	200	245	177	160	2,900
	6,950	5,829	7,136	7,366	6,668	4,599	5,931	5,120	5,259	4,432	5,070	64,360
Total of readers in the hall	1,557	1,372	1,788	1,704	1,453	1,211	1,504	1,497	1,459	1,531	1,642	16,718
Total of alcove readers	407	361	392	410	376	385	356	439	385	302	325	4,138
Total of hall and alcove readers	1,964	1,733	2,180	2,114	1,829	1,596	1,860	1,936	1,844	1,833	1,967	20,856

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND LITERATURE.	Jan'y.	Feb'y.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Vols. given out.
Mythology, Inscriptions, Numismatics, and Universal and Ancient History	337	359	507	384	401	394	338	392	439	381	472	4,404
Documents, American	337	342	354	387	327	324	334	325	402	366	445	3,943
Documents, British	373	367	434	363	354	325	391	376	450	346	475	4,254
Heraldry and Genealogy	311	334	353	351	374	345	323	392	430	419	426	4,058
History, American	374	362	429	448	407	372	409	472	430	407	430	4,540
History, British	442	300	460	504	412	406	436	490	430	457	444	4,781
History, Dutch	69	40	63	82	48	25	26	26	39	39	36	493
History, French	271	275	286	260	246	200	209	284	264	267	313	2,875
History, German	250	243	281	226	215	172	180	258	247	237	224	2,533
History, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	75	81	129	162	118	74	87	72	186	68	125	1,177
History, Literary, and Printing	96	104	132	185	94	103	89	150	109	75	148	1,285
History, Hungarian and Polish	46	72	67	95	70	61	74	44	47	89	92	757
History, Scandinavian	37	81	59	56	51	34	49	54	82	31	48	582
Language and Rhetoric	129	157	303	200	168	123	223	126	193	153	256	2,081
Literature, American	342	298	415	413	389	314	331	405	370	389	406	4,072
Literature, British	411	393	476	434	459	385	377	478	452	417	467	4,749
Literature, Classical	228	206	314	293	313	287	240	339	340	282	334	3,176
Literature, French	236	218	284	248	221	234	273	280	237	337	349	2,917
Literature, German	249	187	252	215	239	200	243	273	205	241	272	2,576
Literature, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	65	49	33	102	83	60	76	50	79	92	77	816
Literature, Russian, Hungarian and Polish	27	43	43	32	40	30	17	12	...	30	13	287
Literature, Scandinavian	128	52	102	82	68	63	43	59	123	46	89	855
Orientalia	239	220	321	340	332	309	343	296	322	318	333	3,373
Philology and Linguistics	351	419	671	416	447	433	289	225	262	229	306	4,048
Voyages and travels	89	70	105	132	116	97	115	77	118	95	81	1,095
Novels	380	472	544	511	454	428	420	422	404	472	521	5,028
Total of volumes	5,892	5,744	7,467	6,921	6,446	5,798	5,935	6,377	6,660	6,283	7,182	70,705
Total of readers in the hall	1,746	1,702	2,053	1,931	1,733	1,649	1,665	1,778	1,935	1,789	2,036	20,017
Total of alcove readers	188	128	189	263	185	158	49	147	133	134	159	1,733
Total of hall and alcove readers	1,934	1,830	2,242	2,194	1,918	1,807	1,714	1,925	2,068	1,923	2,195	21,750

Total of volumes read in both halls 135,065

Total of readers in both halls 36,735
Total of alcove readers 5,871
42,606

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TWENTY-EIGHTH

Annual Report of the Trustees.

NEW YORK, 1877.

STATE OF NEW YORK.

No. 18.

IN SENATE,

January 16, 1877.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY, New Y

To the Hon. the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New York, and President of the Senate:

The trustees of the Astor Library have the honor to transmit herewith their twenty-eighth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1876.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER HAMILTON,

President.

ANIEL D. LORD, *Sec'y pro tem.*

ASTOR LIBRARY, *January* 12, 1877.

1877, Feb. 19.
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REPORT.

To the Legislature of the State of New York:

The trustees of the Astor library in obedience to their act of incorporation, make this their twenty-eighth annual report.

In their last annual report they had to announce the great loss sustained by the library in the death of their associate and president, Mr. William B. Astor, who had faithfully carried on and greatly enlarged the noble and useful work of his father, the founder.

In succession to Mr. Astor as trustee, Mr. Alexander Hamilton was elected in February, and subsequently in April, on the nomination of Mr. Ruggles and General Dix, the two oldest trustees, was chosen to succeed Mr. Astor as president.

During the past year, Mr. Samuel B. Ruggles, the only remaining trustee named in Mr. Astor's will, resigned his post as secretary after long and faithful service of more than twenty-six years from the organization of the board in 1849 down to 1876. The trustees in accepting, with regret, his resignation as secretary, expressed their sense of his services by adopting the following minute.

Minute.

"The trustees of the Astor library have heard with sincere regret that the Hon. Samuel B. Ruggles, the only trustee remaining on the board of all those named in the will of the founder, and who has discharged the duties of secretary from the organization of the library, has been compelled by ill health to retire from that office. Mr. Ruggles has never allowed his important labors in other directions to diminish his affection for the library, or the zeal and assiduity which he has brought to the administration of its affairs.

"The trustees, in accepting his resignation, desire to express their grateful thanks to him for this long continued, valuable and disinterested service, and their best wishes that for many years to come they may enjoy the benefit of his pleasant companionship and wise counsels as a member of the board."

Mr. William I. Hoppin was appointed secretary to fill the vacancy thus caused; but after a few months Mr. Hoppin's services were also lost, by his resignation as trustee and secretary, consequent upon his appointment as first secretary of the legation of the United States in London.

The post of secretary has been temporarily filled by Mr. Lord, and the vacancy as trustee by the election of Professor Henry Drisler, LL.D., of Columbia college.

The death of Dr. E. R. Straznicky, during the year, caused a vacancy in the office of superintendent. The trustees, on the eighth March, appointed Mr. James Carson Brevoort, one of their own body, superintendent, to fill such vacancy.

The superintendent's report marked B, will show the large additions to the library, many of them rare and useful works, since his accession to office.

The bequest of Mr. William B. Astor of $249,000, mentioned in the last report, was payable in "one, two and three years after his death, in equal annual payments." Mr. Astor's executors have anticipated by two years the payment of this bequest, and the whole amount has been paid within one year after Mr. Astor's death, the last installment having been paid in the month of November, 1876.

Of this bequest, the sum of $49,000 was applicable to the purchase of books, and has been in part applied thereto. Of the residue, the sum of $25,000 may, in the discretion of the trustees, be applied to the purchase of books, but for the present the whole amount is carried to the fund for "maintenance and increase," which is now $410,000.

The report of the treasurer marked A, exhibiting the condition of the funds and securities up to the 31st December, 1876, and the receipts and expenditures during the year, will also show how much the financial condition of the library has been improved, and its future usefulness increased, by Mr. Astor's bequest.

Besides the $49,000 above referred to, Mr. J. J. Astor, in the month of February, 1876, made a donation to the library of $10,000 for the purchase of books, thus placing at the disposal of the trustees the large sum of $59,000 for this purpose.

A very brief comparison will show the progress of the library since the year 1854, when first opened to the public.

The library building, in 1854, was sixty-five feet front by 120 feet in depth. It is now doubled in size and capacity, being 130 feet front by 120 feet in depth.

In 1854 the maintenance fund was	$180,000 00
It is now, at the end of 1876	410,000 00
The amount in 1854, expended in books, was	105,979 11
The whole sum expended to the close of 1876 is	297,714 57
In 1854 the number of volumes was (about)	80,000
It is now, in 1876	165,854
But the most gratifying increase is in the use of the library. There were no tables of both the readers and the volumes consulted until the year 1865. In that year the volumes consulted amounted to	44,996
The total number of readers was	23,085
The increase in both has been uniform and steady, and for the year 1876 the volumes consulted were in number	143,545

The total number of readers		47,853
The additions to the library during the past year have been:		
By purchase	12,451	
By donations	957	
		13,408

The plan of card catalogues has been adopted with such success by several important public libraries that the trustees have sanctioned its use; the labor of several months has already been given to it, and an expenditure of $3,730, and it is expected before long to have in the halls for readers, catalogues of this character complete from the year 1866, when the analytical index ended, down to the present time.

This system is not only attractive to readers, as enabling them to select readily the works they require, but diminishes greatly the labor of the assistants, while the volumes sought are more promptly furnished. It is hoped in time to extend the plan to the whole collection in the library.

The present trustees, in the order of their original appointment, are as follows:

The mayor of the city of New York, *ex officio.*
Mr. Samuel B. Ruggles, appointed under Mr. Astor's will in.. 1839
Messrs. John A. Dix, appointed in 1849
James Carson Brevoort, appointed in..... 1852
John Jacob Astor, appointed in 1858
Hamilton Fish, appointed in 1863
Thos. M. Markoe, M. D., appointed in..... 1863
Alexander Hamilton (reappointed in 1876)..... 1868
Daniel D. Lord, appointed in..... 1872
Walter Langdon, appointed in 1873
Prof. Henry Drisler, LL. D., appointed in..... 1876

Respectfully submitted.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON, *President.*

DAN'L D. LORD, *Secretary pro tem.*
ASTOR LIBRARY, *January* 12, 1877.

A.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY, TO THE THIRTY-FIRST DECEMBER, 1876.

The several endowments for establishing and maintaining the library are enumerated as follows, in accordance with their appropriation by the donors:

For the site and building:		
By will of J. J. Astor	$100,000 00	
By William B. Astor	157,631 85	
		$257,631 85
For books:		
By will of J. J. Astor	$120,000 00	
By will of Wm. B. Astor	49,000 00	
By Wm. B. Astor in his lifetime	73,942 66	
By J. J. Astor, Jr	11,420 22	
By William Astor	1,366 40	
By Dr. Cogswell	1,029 90	
		256,759 18
For maintenance and gradual increase:		
By will of J. J. Astor	$180,000 00	
By will of Wm. B. Astor	200,000 00	
By Wm. B. Astor in his lifetime	30,000 00	
		410,000 00
For equipment, steam heat, by W. B. Astor		6,545 74
Total endowment		$930,936 77
Increase by surplus of income over expenditures to 31st December, 1875	$108,961 86	
Income of 1876 $16,216 97		
Less expenses 15,728 31		
	488 66	
Total increase		109,450 52
Total fund 31st December, 1876		$1,040,387 29
Interest due in 1877, received in advance		709 00
		$1,041,096 29
Invested as follows:		
Cost of site and building	$257,852 84	
Cost of equipment	34,603 73	
Cost of books	291,191 46	
Cost of catalogues	10,160 54	
Outlay	$593,808 57	

In securities on hand:

United States five-twenties six per cent stock, $15,000, costing	$15,135 00	
New York city seven per cent stock, $3,000, costing	3,000 00	
Bonds and mortgages	228,500 00	
New York Life Insurance and Trust Company, certificates of deposit	103,097 08	
United States Trust Company, certificates of deposit	96,000 00	
Cash in Gallatin National Bank	1,555 64	
Total investment		$1,041,096 29

The foregoing statement includes the entire bequest of the late William B. Astor, $249,000, received of the executors of his will in anticipation of the time designated by him for its payment; $34,000 thereof has been invested in the bond and mortgage of William Moser, five years, at six per cent per annum, on store and lot No. 461 Broome street; and at the date of this report (10th January, 1877) $28,210.53 has been disposed of for books, binding, new card catalogues and equipment, leaving $186,789.42 on hand as the balance of the bequest on deposit in the trust companies above mentioned, at an interest of two to three per cent per annum.

In addition to the above sum of	$28,210 53
There has been received of the executors of Mr. Wm. B. Astor (and expended) a balance of a gift intended for classical and other books	383 10
And appropriated to the same object by J. J. Astor, Jr	10,053 82
Also from the income	139 60
Together	$38,787 05
Applied as follows:	
To the purchase of books	$31,938 46
To the cost of binding	2,443 79
To the cost of card catalogues	3,612 96
To the cost of shelving, tables, etc	791 84
	$38,787 05
Of the whole accumulation of income, there has been expended towards the cost of the building	$220 99
Cost of equipment	27,266 15
Cost of books and catalogues	81,116 74
Cash on hand	846 64
Total accumulation	$109,450 52
The income of the year received, is	$16,216 97

And derived from the following sources:

$199,500, bonds and mortgages, at seven per cent interest per annum, twelve months....		$13,965 00
34,000, bonds and mortgages, at six per cent per annum, six months and eight days.....		1,064 67
15,000, United States bonds, twelve months, and premium on gold		1,012 50
3,000, New York city, seven per cent, twelve months.....		210 00
In trust company deposits, and short dates of bonds paid off.....		122 30
		$16,374 47
Less uncollected interest due first December		157 50
		$16,216 97
And expended:		
For salaries	$10,617 42	
For expenses.....	2,047 28	
For fuel	643 80	
For repairs	922 57	
For book racks, etc.....	108 30	
For premiums of insurance.....	1,497 24	
For books	139 60	
		15,976 21
Surplus		$240 76

During the year the treasurer has received payment of the bonds of Thomas Carey.....	$4,000 00
M. V. Garrigues.....	8,000 00
John Schmidt.....	5,000 00
	$17,000 00

And reinvested in bond and mortgage of John Dougherty on 257 Madison street, five years at seven per cent, $4,000; of Francis Blessing on Ninth avenue, corner Fifty-fourth street, five years at six per cent, $8,000; leaving $5,000 on hand deposited in the United States Trust Company. He has engaged the bond and mortgage of David Lord, Jr., on No. 5 East Ninth street, $10,000, five years at six per cent, and is in negotiation for further loans, in like manner, to the extent of $40,000 to $50,000; but the condition of the money market is unfavorable to the disposition of the large sum on hand to realize even six per cent per annum, and therefore it will be impracticable to give an estimate of the income for the new year.

The amounts, $200,000 insured on books, $100,000 insured on the building, remain as previously reported.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. ASTOR, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, 10*th January*, 1877.

B.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR 1876.

To the Board of Trustees:

As superintendent, appointed on the eighth of March last, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Edward Straznicky, I have respectfully to report that the library has continued to grow in importance and value. The additional means placed at our disposal have enabled me largely to increase the collection on favorable terms. Some valuable donations have also been received. The total number of volumes in the library is now 165,864. Some of the chief donations are given below. A table of the number of readers and volumes asked for, is also appended, showing a steady increase of readers.

The card catalogue system has been adopted and a public catalogue will soon be ready for use, which will be appreciated by readers and students. Eight thousand title and cross-reference cards have been prepared in continuation of the printed catalogue of the late Dr. Cogswell, which ends in 1866. These have been duplicated for the interior service of the library.

Many of the older series of periodicals have been bound, and also a great part of the recent accessions.

The annexed tables (b and c) present an accurate statement of the progress of the library during the past year, from which it will be seen that in the year 1876, in both departments, 143,545 books were delivered to 47,853 readers, against 135,065 books and 42,606 readers in 1875.

On January 1, 1876, there were in the Astor library		152,446 volumes.
From January 1 to December 31, 1876, were added:		
By donation	957 volumes.	
By purchase	12,451 volumes.	
		13,408 volumes.
Total number of books in Astor Library January 1, 1877		165,854 volumes.

(a.)

These additions embrace the following subjects:

In the department of science and art:

	Volumes.
Agriculture	75
Archæology	26
Architecture	143
Art of war	81
Bibliography	228
Biology	16
Botany	43
Chemistry and physics	180
Commerce and banking	55
Conchology	5
Domestic economy	16
Ecclesiastical history	179
Education	352
Ethnology	12
Fine arts	255
Freemasonry	11
General science	121
Geography	52
Geology and paleontology	46
Horticulture	9
Jurisprudence	291
Mathematics	75
Mechanics and engineering	178
Medicine and surgery	437
Metallurgy	5
Metaphysics	95
Mining and mineralogy	30
Music	31
Mythology	9
Natural law	
Natural philosophy	6
Navigation	8
Occult science	22
Patents	155
Political economy	101
Social science	45
Sports and pastimes	61
Theology	643
Transactions, American	47
Transactions, British	20
Transactions, European	9
Useful arts and manufactures	97
Zoology	5
Encyclopedias	23
	4,298

(*b.*)

In department of history and literature:	Volumes.
Biography	18
Chronology	21
Elocution and rhetoric	22
Heraldry and genealogy	11
History, American	1,426
History, Ancient	56
History, British	388
History, French	351
History, Italian	18
History, German	38
History, Netherland	27
History, Oriental	66
History, Portuguese	1
History, Russian	9
History, Spanish	25
History, Scandinavian	11
History, Universal	32
Inscriptions and numismatics	27
Literature, American	922
Literature, Classical	66
Literature, English	1,054
Literature, French	343
Literature, German	46
Literature, Italian	11
Literature, Netherland	5
Literature, Oriental	37
Literature, Portuguese	
Literature, Russian	2
Literature, Scandinavian	4
Literature, Spanish	9
Literary history	37
Manners and customs	16
Philology and linguistics	188
Voyages and travels — N. America	69
Voyages and travels — S. America	16
Voyages and travels — Arctic	16
Voyages and travels — Asia	88
Voyages and travels — Australasia	21
Voyages and travels — Europe	157
Voyages and travels — General	129
Voyages and travels — Malaisia	5
Voyages and travels — Polynesia	9
	10,095
Volumes unclassified at date of report	3,313
	13,408

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The readers in the alcoves, in the year 1876, consulted works relating to the following subjects:

	Admissions.
Agriculture and horticulture	65
Architecture	12
Astronomy	4
Bibliography	79
Chemistry and physics	91
Commerce, manufactures and useful arts	17
Education	94
Encyclopædias	187
Geography, atlases and maps	19
History, natural	66
Jurisprudence	45
Mathematics	11
Mechanics and engineering	6
Medicine and surgery	165
Metaphysics, political and social economy	82
Music	25
Painting, sculpture and archæology	21
Patents	2,638
Sports and games	1
Theology and ecclesiastical history	146
Transactions, British	1
Mythology, inscriptions, numismatics, and universal and ancient history	343
Documents, American	12
Documents, British	35
Heraldry and Genealogy	22
History, American	629
History, British	194
History, French	68
History, German	6
History, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	7
History, literary; and printing	1
History, Russian, Hungarian and Polish	1
Literature, American	20
Literature, British	181
Literature, Classical	70
Literature, French	42
Literature, German	54
Literature, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	1
Orientalia	70
Philology and linguistics	132
Voyages and travels	12
	5,675

J. CARSON BREVOORT,
Superintendent.

B.

TABLE showing the number of books read in the halls of the Library in 1876.

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Volumes given out.
Agriculture and horticulture	143	116	154	163	197	143	91	174	85	91	74	1,381
Architecture	158	92	117	180	128	105	65	130	156	80	244	1,455
Art of war	10	22	51	1	26	21	2	15	17	12	23	200
Astronomy	96	115	144	78	143	75	88	87	34	19	24	903
Bibliography	110	72	113	142	111	54	37	126	60	101	79	1,005
Chemistry and physics	399	394	555	419	465	262	226	393	212	419	365	4,109
Commerce, manufactures and useful arts	373	292	486	409	352	282	181	285	364	287	367	3,678
Domestic economy	41	29	68	20	12	48	....	10	33	22	72	355
Education	141	138	124	153	140	130	112	212	120	272	465	2,007
Encyclopedias	473	485	731	443	557	331	300	408	463	727	783	5,751
Geography, atlases and maps	137	156	153	179	170	191	99	97	61	98	208	1,549
History, natural	311	377	473	323	415	380	264	271	631	724	451	4,620
Jurisprudence	198	108	195	227	206	147	208	94	643	359	333	2,718
Magic and witchcraft	90	100	162	118	177	160	76	88	50	15	72	1,108
Mathematics	154	172	210	186	182	168	77	169	123	96	191	1,728
Mechanics and engineering	305	313	363	451	536	263	118	386	753	161	302	3,951
Medicine and surgery	433	447	589	460	512	479	167	372	469	424	472	4,824
Metaphysics, political and social economy	223	204	231	269	233	222	195	180	204	189	144	2,304
Music	101	89	128	119	129	115	57	78	100	99	134	1,149
Painting, sculpture and archæology	359	411	375	435	387	326	143	210	408	604	374	4,582
Patents	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Sports and games	96	130	92	115	107	106	71	75	20	149	96	1,057
Theology and ecclesiastical history	584	589	658	516	512	533	122	397	444	509	626	5,490
Transactions—American	120	117	175	188	266	146	20	90	215	257	379	1,923
Transactions—British	150	200	276	198	406	60	83	100	123	150	505	2,251
Transactions—European	216	211	450	335	591	240	100	150	202	162	115	2,772
Total of volumes	5,421	5,379	7,073	6,077	6,960	5,047	2,902	4,597	5,940	6,026	7,398	62,820
Total of readers in the hall	1,867	1,795	2,087	1,612	1,630	1,241	985	1,510	1,657	1,696	1,775	17,855
Total of alcove readers	371	346	452	331	310	275	216	381	372	332	389	3,775
Total of hall and alcove readers	2,238	2,141	2,539	1,943	1,940	1,516	1,201	1,891	2,029	2,028	2,164	21,630

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND LITERATURE.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Vols. given out.
Mythology, Inscriptions, Numismatics, and Universal and Ancient History	401	569	625	344	378	568	457	316	710	348	422	5,138
Documents — American	436	211	602	329	125	112	133	231	259	458	256	3,152
British	459	98	16	33	20	30	4	39	8	59	13	779
Heraldry and Genealogy	419	281	373	320	401	460	232	512	448	449	612	4,517
History — American	468	971	1,236	1,025	1,156	1,218	657	712	750	742	1,252	10,187
British	487	357	546	269	369	521	335	454	535	663	580	5,116
Dutch	78	4	35	39	55	17	....	30	15	38	2	313
French	294	210	309	232	132	247	195	404	421	225	258	2,922
German	288	47	68	13	38	82	41	117	71	115	96	976
Italian, Spanish and Portugese	111	37	96	52	98	97	30	78	51	100	27	777
Literary and Printing	245	22	38	16	46	56	41	50	54	81	73	672
Russian, Hungarian and Polish	105	37	58	14	50	31	32	33	114	131	75	689
Scandinavian	77	....	1	38	15	2	1	1	....	22	3	160
Language and Rhetoric	273	21	34	45	113	56	39	32	62	66	88	894
Literature — American	440	475	489	310	358	310	222	352	348	516	529	4,349
British	493	1,045	1,166	919	1,243	1,166	959	1,130	1,294	1,201	1,497	12,043
Classical	286	504	369	577	748	509	397	392	497	496	433	5,208
Dutch	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	10	2	15
French	379	578	629	474	621	306	170	313	542	666	727	5,405
German	252	328	235	317	222	400	156	291	509	670	856	4,236
Italian, Spanish and Portugese	102	134	80	83	68	431	245	130	56	76	123	1,533
Russian, Hungarian and Polish	6	....	....	....	1	....	1	9	3	1	1	22
Scandinavian	102	18	31	15	36	51	4	9	9	....	50	325
Orientalia	376	296	288	251	172	182	166	105	281	241	145	2,503
Philology and Linguistics	259	221	497	274	280	132	144	383	448	309	265	3,212
Voyages and Travels	93	231	254	166	296	209	126	199	191	415	297	2,477
Novels	431	261	303	270	224	176	138	346	479	291	275	3,184
Total of volumes	7,350	6,956	8,378	6,440	7,265	7,372	4,925	6,668	8,155	8,339	8,877	80,725
Total of readers in the hall	2,308	2,324	2,656	2,055	2,187	1,914	1,431	2,126	2,528	2,376	2,418	24,323
Total of alcove readers	194	172	173	170	207	177	151	175	175	150	156	1,900
Total of hall and alcove readers	2,502	2,496	2,829	2,225	2,394	2,091	1,582	2,301	2,703	2,526	2,574	26,223

Total of volumes read in both halls		143,545	
Total of readers in both halls	42,178		
Total of alcove readers	5,675		
			47,853

APPENDIX TO SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

A collection of some of the principal books presented to the Astor Library, during the year 1876:

Presented by Argentine Republic (through Mr. Garcia, Minister of the Argentine Republic, to the United States):

	Volumes.
Acta de la Academie Nacional de Ciencias Exactas en la Universitad de Cordova. Tomo 1. 1875. 4°	1
Caballos (Los) Fosiles de la Pampa Argentina (German and Spanish in alternate columns). Folio. 1875	1
Congress Nacional Camera de Senadores, 1867–75. 4°	4
Cuenta de Inversion de Presupuesta de 1872 anexos a la Mem. de Hacienda de 1873	5
Estadistica de las Aduanas de la Rep. Arg. en 1870. 4°	1
Estadistico General del Commercio Esterior. 1873 and 1874,	7
Historia de los Estados Unidos por J. A. Spencer continuada hasta nuestros dias, por Horacio Greeley. 4°	3
Informe y Documentos sobre la Intervention en San Juan. 4°,	1
Informe del Directorio del Ferro Carril del Oeste. 8°. 1874,	1
Informe sobre las Maquinas de Agriculture. 8°	1
Memoria del Ministerio de Hacienda. 1872–75	11
Memoria del Ministerio del Interio. 1870–75	21
Memoria de la Ministerio de Relaciones Esteriores en 1872–75,	3
Memoria del Ministro de Justicia, Culto e Instrucione Publica. 1873–75	14

(And various other volumes and pamphlets.)

Presented by Educational Department of Japan:

A collection of text-books and charts of object teaching	75

Presented by British Commissioner of Patents:

Specifications, etc	67

Presented by British Musuem:

Richard Owen's Descriptive and Illustrated Catalogue of the Fossil Reptilia of South Africa in the collection of the B. M	1
Fac similes of ancient charters in the British Museum. Part II, folio	1
Fac simile of an Egyptian Hieratic Papyrus of the Reign of Rameses III. Oblong Atlas folio	1
Victorian Patents from the Commissioners at the Centennial Exhibition	8

Presented by Legislative Departments of the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and others 50

Presented by Mrs. Kintzing:

A series of classical works	20

Presented by U. S. Government:

Documents of the various departments	50

Presented by U. S Engineering Department:

A valuable collection of topographical maps and surveys, military, statistical, physical, etc., numbering in all about 173 maps.

Astor Library, New York. 1878.

HARVARD COLLEGE LIBRARY.

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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

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TRUSTEES OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY.

To the Hon. the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New York, and President of the Senate:

The Trustees of the Astor Library have the honor to transmit herewith their twenty-ninth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1877.

Respectfully submitted.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON,
President.

DANIEL D. LORD,
Secretary.

REPORT.

The trustees of the Astor library in obedience to their act of incorporation, make this their twenty-ninth annual report.

During the past year there have been no changes among the trustees or officers of the library, save that Mr. Lord, who was at the date of the last report, the acting secretary, has since been elected secretary.

The report of the treasurer, marked A, exhibiting the condition of the funds and securities up to the 31st of December, 1877, and the receipts and expenditures during the year, is appended.

From his report it appears that there has been expended during the past year for books, binding, catalogues, etc., the sum of $32,113.93, of which the purchase of books alone amounted to $27,815.66.

During the past two years the expenditure for increase of the library, binding and catalogue, has been	$63, 593 37
While the books alone absorbed the sum of	50,890 47
The fund for the maintenance of the library is now	417,500 00
And the whole endowment fund	1,050,405 00

The report of the superintendent, marked B, is also appended, showing the additions to the library during the year by purchase and donation, amounting to 11,533 volumes. The total increase during the last two years being about 25,000 volumes, or in exact figures, 24,941 volumes.

These additions, though embracing many branches, have been more particularly marked in the department of art, architecture, archæology, numismatics, general history and American history, natural science and linguistics.

In several of these, art, architecture and natural science, the additions are very costly, consisting of books of plates and engravings, generally large and expensive folios; among them will be found L'Art Arabe au Caire, by Prisse d'Avennes; The Portfolio, L'Art, Le Salon de 1875 and 1876, Crowe and Cavalcaselle History of Painting, Litta's Italian Families, Siebmacher's Wappenbuch, Museo Español de Antiguedades, Key and Retzius' Anatomy of the Nervous System, Bleeker's Fish of India, Gould's Birds of Asia and New Guinea.

The average cost of all the volumes, including very expensive works like these, has been about two dollars and twenty cents.

The plan of card catalogues has fully answered the expectation formed of it, and justified the application of the very considerable

sum it has cost. To this and to the large additions recently made to the library, an important part of the large increase in the number of readers and the enhanced usefulness of the library may fairly be attributed.

The total number of readers for the past year was 58,621, an increase of nearly twenty-three per cent over the year 1876, and an average of more than 210 readers daily.

The volumes consulted were 156,091, rather more than eight per cent over the previous year.

On 1st January, 1877, the total number of volumes in the library was 165,854. On 1st January, 1878, the total number was 177,387. The additions during the past two years amount to 24,941 volumes.

The "alphabetical" and "subject" card catalogues complete from the year 1866 — when the printed book catalogue ended — down to the present time, are now in the hall of the library, in use by the readers, who can thus select for themselves with great facility, any work added to the library during the past eleven years. Under this plan the catalogue of additions to the library is placed before the public five or six days after the books are purchased and arranged on the shelves.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON, *President.*

DAN'L D. LORD, *Secretary.*

ASTOR LIBRARY, New York, *January* 9, 1878.

A.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY.

NEW YORK, *December* 31, 1877.

Endowment Fund:		
For the site and building		$257,631 85
For books		256,759 18
For maintenance and gradual increase		410,000 00
For equipment, steam heat, by W. B. Astor		6,545 74
		$930,936 77
Increase by surplus of income over expenditures to December 31, 1876,	$109,450 52	
Income of 1877 ..... $24,714 60		
Less expenses 14,696 89		
	10,017 71	
Total increase		119,468 23
Total fund December 31, 1877		$1,050,405 00
Interest due in 1878, received in advance		689 03
Total on hand		$1,051,094 03
And invested as follows:		
Cost of site and building	$257,852 84	
Cost of equipment	35,026 66	
Cost of books	319,007 12	
Cost of catalogues	14,458 81	
Total outlay	$626,345 43	
In securities on hand:		
United States five-twenties of 1868, six per cent, stock, $15,000, costing	15,135 00	
New York city seven per cent stock, $7,500, costing	7,500 00	
Bonds and mortgages, seven per cent	157,000 00	
Bonds and mortgages, six per cent	238,000 00	
On deposit in New York Life and Trust Company	6,000 00	
On deposit in Gallatin National Bank,	1,113 60	
Total investment		$1,051,094 03

At date of last report there was on deposit in New York Life Insurance and Trust Company.....	$103,097 08	
United States Trust Company.....	96,000 00	
		$199,097 08

Of this amount there has been invested in bonds and mortgages.....	$171,000 00	
And in purchase of books and catalogues	28,097 08	
		$199,097 08

In addition to the above amount expended for books and catalogues, viz.,	$28,097 08	
There has been expended from income of 1877, for same purposes	4,016 85	
		$32,113 93

In manner as follows, viz.:		
For books.....	$27,815 66	
For catalogues.....	4,298 27	
		$32,113 93

Of the whole accumulation of income to date, there has been expended toward the cost of building...		$220 99
Cost of equipment.....		27,689 08
Cost of books and catalogues		85,133 59
Cash on deposit in bank and trust co...	$7,113 60	
Less income for 1878, paid in advance,	689 03	
		6,424 57
Total accumulation as above stated		$119,468 23

The income of the year received is.....	$24,714 60

And from the following sources, viz.:		
Interest on bonds and mortgages.....	$21,105 38	
Interest on New York city stock.....	210 00	
Interest on United States five-twenties,	900 00	
Premium on gold received	55 69	
Interest on deposits in trust companies,	2,460 79	
	$24,731 86	
Less accrued interest on purchase of $4,500 New York city sevens.....	17 26	
		$24,714 60

And expended:		
For salaries	$11,051 09	
For expenses	811 54	
For cleaning and repairs	791 69	
For fuel	350 20	
For premiums of insurance	1,692 37	
		14,696 89
Surplus		$10,017 71

During the year the treasurer has received payment of Edwin A. Hussey's bond	$5,000 00
R. P. Risdon's bond	4,500 00

And re-invested in bond and mortgage of Elias Hyams, on No. 311 West Thirty-first street, $5,000, at six per cent, and in New York city seven per cent stock, $4,500.

The income for the year 1878 may be estimated as follows, viz.:

Interest due 30th December, 1877, and unpaid	$210 00
Twelve months' interest on bonds and mortgages, $157,000, at seven per cent	10,990 00
Twelve months' interest on bonds and mortgages, $238,000, at six per cent	14,280 00
Twelve months' interest on $15,000 United States five-twenties, six per cent	900 00
Twelve month's interest on $7,500 New York city seven per cent	525 00
	$26,905 00

There is insurance of $200,000 on books, and $100,000 on building.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. ASTOR,
Treasurer.

B.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR 1877.

To the Board of Trustees:

I have respectfully to report that the library continues to attract an increasing number af students and readers, owing to the numerous accessions and the facility of consulting it. It collects works in every branch of human knowledge, and the additions had to be apportioned with a view to acquiring such works as seemed to be more urgently needed in each of them. As there are, however, several libraries in the city especially devoted to the departments of theology, jurisprudence, medicine, natural history and geography, I have considered it advisable to direct the chief expenditure towards the completion of other important subjects. Among these may be mentioned philosophy, sociology, technology and the useful arts, history, archæology and linguistics, the fine arts, numismatics and bibliography.

Many serials and transactions of societies have been completed to the present date, and are frequently consulted, the library being especially rich in such collections. Of new works only such are procured as are believed to be of intrinsic and permanent value, but the number of these alone, at the present time, is very large, and many are also very expensive. The additions, if estimated by the numerical extent of volumes, may appear less than might have been anticipated from the large amount of money expended; but a correct average estimate of value will justify an opposite opinion. A list of some of the more interesting and valuable works of this class has been prepared to accompany this report.

The patents, English, American and French, together with works relating to arts and manufactures, have also been largely increased, and this department is much consulted.

The card catalogue of accessions from the year 1866, has been in constant use for nearly a year. It satisfies all applicants, since they can now at once ascertain what is in the library, and ask for the precise work and edition or volume they desire to consult; thus saving much time spent in searching for titles by the former method. The card catalogue system is now generally adopted in all the larger libraries, and it is the only one which admits of indefinite extension and correction, without at the same time interfering with its use.

The annexed tables (D and E) present an accurate statement of the progress of the library during the year 1877, from which it will be seen that in both departments 156,091 books were delivered to 58,621 readers, against 143,545 books and 47,853 readers in 1876, showing an average increase of a trifle over eight per cent in the number of books delivered, and nearly twenty-three per cent in the number of readers.

		Volumes.
On January 1, 1877, there were in the Astor Library		165, 854
From January 1 to December 1, 1877, were added:		
(a) and (b) By donation.....	1, 319	
By purchase.....	10, 138	
		11, 533
Total number of books in Astor Library January 1, 1878		177, 387

(*a.*)

These additions embrace the following subjects:

In the department of science and art:

	Volumes.
Agriculture	116
Anthropology	7
Archæology	50
Architecture	91
Art of war	46
Astronomy	34
Bibliography	207
Biology	32
Botany	55
Building—construction	26
Chemistry and physics	156
Commerce and banking	128
Conchology	11
Domestic economy	21
Ecclesiastical history	386
Education	240
Encyclopedias	12
Ethics	10
Ethnology	24
Fine arts	247
Freemasonry	84
General science	44
Geography	133
Geology and palæontology	83
Horticulture	31
Industrial arts	311
Jurisprudence	199
Logic	1
Mathematics	69
Mechanics and engineering	182
Medicine and surgery	319
Metallurgy	15
Metaphysics	72
Mining and Mineralogy	53
Music	64
Mythology	33

	Volumes.
Natural history, general	141
Natural law	13
Natural philosophy	19
Navigation	16
Occult science	33
Patents	70
Photography	4
Piracy and buccaneering	1
Political economy	90
Social science	100
Sports and pastimes	55
Statistics, general	13
Telegraphy	12
Theology	369
Transactions, American	33
Transactions, British	11
Transactions, European	53
Useful arts and manufactures	96
Zoology	65
	4,786

(*b.*)

In department of history and literature:

Biography	51
Chronology	15
Documents, United States	150
Elocution and rhetoric	19
Heraldry and genealogy	22
History, American; Canada	66
History, American; Central America	15
History, American; Indians	18
History, American; Mexico	30
History, American; South America	136
History, American; United States	1,460
History, American; West Indies	10
History, Ancient	30
History, Belgian	4
History, Danubian Principalities	6
History, British	399
History, French	363
History, Italian	45
History, German	80
History, Netherland	73
History, Oriental	69
History, Russian	16
History, Spanish	25
History, Scandinavian	15

	Volumes.
History, Swiss	15
History, Universal	105
Inscriptions and numismatics	270
Literature, American	210
Literature, Classical	93
Literature, English	425
Literature, French	238
Literature, German	102
Literature, Italian	37
Literature, Netherland	15
Literature, Oriental	40
Literature, Portuguese	1
Literature, Russian	6
Literature, Scandinavian	11
Literature, Spanish	23
Literary history	81
Manners and customs	31
Orientalia	140
Palæography	3
Philology and linguistics	309
Voyages and travels, Africa	36
Voyages and travels, Arctic	21
Voyages and travels, Asia	47
Voyages and travels, Europe	104
Voyages and travels, General	116
Voyages and travels, N. America	82
Voyages and travels, Oceanica	15
Voyages and travels, S. America	27
Voyages and travels, W. I. and C. America	12
	5,732
Volumes unclassified at date of report	1,015
Total	6,747

SUMMARY.

In Department of Science and Art	4,786
In Department of History and Literature	5,732
Volumes unclassified at date of report	1,015
	11,533

In this aggregate of 11,533 volumes are included 2,185 pamphlets and unbound volumes, of which number 1,015 were donated to the library by General John A. Dix.

The readers in the alcoves, in the year 1877, consulted works relating to the following subjects:

	Admissions.
Agriculture and horticulture	4
Architecture	86
Astronomy	9
Bibliography	69
Chemistry and physics	74
Commerce, manufactures and useful arts	21
Education	38
Encyclopædias	33
Geography, atlases and maps	6
History, natural	130
Jurisprudence	200
Mathematics	24
Mechanics and engineering	32
Medicine and surgery	96
Metaphysics, political and social economy	68
Music	11
Painting, sculpture and archæology	131
Patents	3,370
Sports and games	3
Theology and ecclesiastical history	225
Mythology, inscriptions, numismatics and universal and ancient history	118
Documents, American	4
Documents, British	12
Heraldry and Genealogy	43
History, American	611
History, British	259
History, French	24
History, German	15
History, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	17
History, literary; and printing	4
History, Russian, Hungarian and Polish	9
Literature, American	23
Literature, British	193
Literature, classical	80
Literature, French	11
Literature, German	8
Literature, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	1
Orientalia	177
Philology and linguistics	91
Voyages and travels	12
	6,342

J. CARSON BREVOORT,
Superintendent.

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TABLE showing the number of books read in the halls of the Library in 1877.

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Volumes given out.
Agriculture and horticulture	111	89	174	122	143	85	110	81	139	135	175	1,364
Architecture	168	100	147	128	121	144	109	132	146	173	169	1,547
Art of war	21	24	29	18	17	13	34	26	28	25	30	265
Astronomy	33	25	90	70	92	67	102	101	38	112	118	848
Bibliography	155	187	181	209	92	217	70	84	228	202	112	1,737
Chemistry and physics	334	330	413	341	361	338	367	359	420	498	534	4,310
Commerce, manufactures and useful arts	238	349	299	389	281	280	347	332	489	434	429	3,877
Domestic economy	50	53	40	39	34	48	16	44	23	50	66	463
Education	184	182	273	231	158	183	99	137	71	189	208	1,915
Encyclopedias	706	540	544	465	439	414	509	544	687	594	616	6,058
Geography, atlases and maps	131	192	213	248	148	300	168	253	161	234	181	2,229
History, natural	272	294	380	326	271	263	414	340	377	373	409	3,721
Jurisprudence	387	421	490	399	436	191	307	297	347	425	366	4,066
Magic and witchcraft	30	88	116	79	71	89	91	68	34	100	70	836
Mathematics	175	153	175	224	103	90	159	243	105	177	184	1,788
Mechanics and engineering	344	336	455	374	306	289	287	332	262	361	373	3,719
Medicine and surgery	359	404	463	417	413	322	410	396	451	421	436	4,494
Metaphysics, political and social economy	225	304	318	314	254	195	257	223	380	259	262	2,991
Music	96	92	88	71	81	47	81	58	113	72	84	883
Painting, sculpture and archæology	423	420	507	397	375	453	346	310	392	456	448	4,529
Sports and games	106	60	120	72	78	59	53	81	51	62	106	848
Theology and ecclesiastical history	522	447	471	466	435	492	515	457	426	514	594	5,341
Transactions — American	131	75	121	78	58	65	47	50	63	36	41	765
British	124	59	85	79	68	71	83	75	10	26	28	708
European	85	39	51	44	105	56	59	63	32	14	33	561
Total of volumes	5,410	5,263	6,243	5,612	4,960	4,771	5,040	5,068	5,475	5,939	6,082	59,883
Total of readers in the hall	1,982	2,237	2,482	2,173	1,868	1,784	1,684	1,858	2,069	2,282	2,467	22,886
Total of readers in department of patents	341	314	329	353	268	314	234	302	363	266	286	3,370
Total of alcove readers	118	137	138	87	77	87	80	99	110	141	186	1,260
Total of hall, patents and alcove readers	2,441	2,688	2,949	2,613	2,213	2,185	1,998	2,259	2,542	2,689	2,939	27,516

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND LITERATURE.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Volumes given out.
Mythology—Inscriptions, Numismatics and Universal and Ancient History	453	596	813	421	307	280	338	454	279	360	367	4,668
Documents—American	296	232	298	150	190	114	143	278	182	150	193	2,206
British	20	95	95	2	12	9	5	4	16	126	41	425
Heraldry and Genealogy	422	508	441	285	442	354	339	591	548	648	715	5,293
History—American	1,139	997	1,118	1,195	860	1,089	526	932	847	1,075	1,047	10,705
British	532	566	644	567	418	421	375	350	411	782	638	5,684
Dutch	7	12	5	21	97	6	33	10	60	10	34	295
French	433	427	355	536	362	260	195	297	328	298	289	3,710
German	75	4	65	83	72	19	29	19	53	64	165	658
Italian, Spanish and Portuguese	73	41	53	92	74	44	65	19	92	32	83	668
Literary and Printing	39	56	32	61	92	29	62	26	37	21	141	596
Russian, Hungarian and Polish	72	108	74	42	86	63	30	68	40	72	28	678
Scandinavian	8	3	....	44	...	....	....	....	7	29	18	109
Language and Rhetoric	201	35	49	38	127	108	77	37	37	61	34	804
Literature—American	540	617	527	552	463	411	445	401	479	449	470	5,354
British	1,390	2,138	2,083	1,443	1,389	1,264	1,338	1,408	1,647	1,469	1,409	16,878
Classical	633	500	639	570	1,050	427	365	593	1,284	560	604	7,225
Dutch	....	1	....	....	1	....	1	...	....	...	....	3
French	912	999	1,171	947	860	792	770	766	880	519	607	9,173
German	593	314	720	394	412	363	262	359	282	458	388	4,545
Italian, Spanish and Portugese	189	128	141	93	153	145	212	231	472	536	378	2,673
Russian, Hungarian and Polish	2	1	1	5	4	5	1	....	10	9	1	39
Scandinavian	6	1	17	45	....	12	....	....	65	29	17	193
Orientalia	307	215	224	408	220	357	139	171	313	317	281	2,902
Philology and Linguistics	599	402	384	362	365	384	208	275	438	573	485	4,420
Voyages and Travels	310	316	367	260	308	199	129	295	395	230	113	2,842
Novels	349	345	396	394	352	386	268	262	288	247	255	3,472
Total of volumes	9,590	9,647	10,712	8,851	8,716	7,441	6,250	7,846	9,370	9,044	8,741	96,208
Total of readers in the hall	2,802	2,925	3,328	2,694	2,793	2,318	1,932	2,324	2,963	2,610	2,689	29,398
Total of alcove readers	176	176	153	135	109	132	122	162	169	208	170	1,712
Total of hall and alcove readers	2,978	3,101	3,476	2,829	2,902	2,450	3,054	2,486	3,152	2,818	2,859	31,105

Total of volumes read in both halls 156,091

Total of readers in both halls 52,279
Total of alcove readers, including readers in patents 6,342

58,621

LIST OF SOME OF THE VALUABLE RECENT ADDITIONS.

Theology.

	Volumes.
Blanchini Veronesis Quadruplex Codex, etc., 1749, folio.....	4
Bottalla, L'Autorité du Pape dans l'Église. 8°	2
Clementos Episcopos Romes ed., Bryennius. Constant, 1875. 8°	1
Codex Vaticanus Bibliorum Sacrorum, ed. Vercellone, folio..	5
Etheridge. The Targums on the Pentateuch. 8°.....	1
Fairbairn. Imperial Bible Dictionary. 8°.....	2
Friedrich. Geschichte des vaticanischen Koncils. 8°.....	1
Gregorii Barhebraei Chronicon Ecclesiasticum. 8°.....	2
Meyer. Commentaries on the New Testament. Edinburgh, 1875. 8°	6
Patrum Apostolorum Opera, ed. Gebhard.....	1
Tyerman. Life of George Whitefield. 8°.....	2

Jurisprudence.

Britton. Translated and edited by F. M. Nichols. 8°.....	2
Dalloz. Jurisprudence Général. 4°	1
Devilleneuve. Lois et Arrêts (in continuation.) 4°.....	1
Journal du Palais (in continuation). 4°	1
Klostermann. Das Urheberrecht und das Verlagsrecht 8°...	1
Maine. Lectures on the Early History of Institutions. 8°..	1
Montriou. Wm. Austin. Institutes of Jurisprudence. Calcutta. 8°.....	1
Pascaud. Organisation Communale et municipale. 12°.....	1
Redfield on Law of Wills. 8°	3
Revue de Droit International. 8°.....	7
Vattel. Droit des Gens. 8°..... ...	3
Wait. Practice at Law, etc. 8°.....	5

Philosophy, including Political Economy and Sociology.

Album Studiosorum Acad. Lugd. Bataviæ. 4°.....	1
Comte. System of Positive Polity, translated. 8°.....	4
Gillet. God in Human thought. 8°.....	2
Kaufmann. Geschichte der Attributenlehre in der jüdischen Philosophie. 8°.....	1
Körner. Natur-Ethik. 8°.....	2
Lambert. Spiritualisme. 8°.....	2
Lange. History of Materialism. German and English.. 8°	4
Papillon. Philosophie moderne. 8°	2
Schopenhauer. Sämmtlicke Werke. 8°.....	6
Stephen (Leslie). History of English Thought in the 18th Century. 8°.....	2
Thomson (James). Principes de Science Absolut. 4°.....	1
Vaille & Clark. Harvard Book. 4°	2
Whewell. Scientific Ideas. 8°.....	2

History, including Documents, Heraldry, Biography and Numismatics.

	Volumes.
Archives de l'Empire. Collections des Sceaux. 4°	3
Aumale (Duc d'). Histoire des Princes de Condé. French and English	4
Battles of America by Sea and Land. 4°	8
Berty et Tisserand. Topographie historique du vieux Paris. 4°	1
Blondel. Histoire des Eventails. 8°	1
Brugsch-Bey. Geschichte Ægypteus unter deu Pharaonen. 8°.	1
Cahier (Le P. Ch.). Nouveaux Mélanges d'Archéologie. 4°.	3
Catlin. North American Indian Portfolio. Folio	1
Clute. Annals of Staten Island. N. Y., 1877. 8°	1
Curtius et al. Die Ausgrabungen zu Olympia. Folio	1
Demay. Inventaire des Sceaux de l'Artois, etc. 4°	1
Dorregaray. Museo Español de Antiguedades. Folio	7
Dutert. Le Forum Romain. Folio	1
Eyton. Antiquities of Shropshire. 8°	12
Gallenga. Two Years of the Eastern Question. 8°	2
Greswell. Origines Kalendaria Italica. 8°	4
Heiss (Aloïs). Descripcion de las Monedas Hispano Cristianas. 4°	3
Heiss (Aloïs). Monnaies des Rois Visigoths d'Espagne. 4°.	1
Hennin. Monuments de l'Histoire de France. 8°	10
Hozier. History of the Franco-Prussian War. 8°	3
Humboldt et Bonpland. Atlas Géographique. Folio	1
Hutchins. History of the County of Dorset (Eng). Folio	4
Jackson (Sir George). Diaries and Letters. 8°	4
Kapp. Aus und über Amerika; Thatsachen u Erlebnisse. 8°.	2
Kosel. Geschichte des Preussischen Staats. 8°	8
Lacroix. Military and Religious Life in the Middle Ages. 8°.	1
Lipscomb. History of the County of Buckingham, Eng. 4°.	4
Historiens des Gaules. Folio. Vols. 22, 23	2
Margry. Découvertes et Établissements français en Amérique. 8°	2
Maine Historical Society. Documentary History of Maine. 8°.	1
Nebel. Voyage au Mexique. Folio	1
Norfolk Archæology. 8°	7
Oettinger. Moniteur des Dates. 8°	2
Paris (Le Comte de). La Guerre civile en Amérique. 8° and atlas	4
Pennsylvania (Church of). Papers relating to. 4°	2
Phillips (H. Jr.). Historical Account of American Paper Currency. 8°	2
Poey (d'Avant). Monnaies Féodales de France. 4°	3
Pyne. Lake Scenery of England. 4°	1
Ranke (L. von). Denkwürdigkeiten d. Fürsten v Hardenberg. 8°	5
Rawlinson. England and Russia in the East. 8°	1

	Volumes.
Revue de la Société numismatique Belge. 8°	34
Revue de la Société numismatique de la France	14
Siebmacher. Grosses u. allgemeines Wappenbuch für Deutchland, continuing	12
Speeches on the Trial of Warren Hastings. 8°	4
Stillman. The Acropolis of Athens. Folio	1
St. Stephens' Chronicle. Parliamentary Debates. 8°	4
Thompson. Lake Scenery of England. 4°	1
Walford. Old and New London. 8°	5
Van der Dussen. General Quartierstaaten (Dutch Heraldry). 4°	3
Vecellio. Costumes anciennes et modernes (1859-60). Paris. 8°.	2
Vogué (de). Inscriptions Sémitiques. Syrie Centrale. Paris, 1877. 4°	1
Wey (F.). Rome. 4°	1
Woodward. History of Hampshire (Eng). 4°	3
Zeitschrift der Berliner Gesellschaft für Ethnologie	8

Literature, including Linguistics Education and Bibliography.

Baginsky. Handbuch der Schulhygiene. Berlin, 1877. 8°.	1
Bautain. L'Éducation publique en France au XIXe Siecle 8°	1
Bibliophile Français. (Le.) 8°	5
Blass. Die Attische Beredsamkeit. 8°	2
Behn. (Aphra.) Works of. 8°	6
Bradstreet (Anna). Works of. (Privately printed.) 4°	1
Browning (Robert). Works. 8°	7
Catalogue of Scientific Papers of the Royal Society. 1800–63. 4°	6
Coleridge. The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner. Illustrated by Doré. Folio	1
De la Barca. El Magico Prodigioso, ed. Morel Fatio. 8°	1
Dindorf. Scholia Græca, continued to date	4
Dramatists of the Reformation. 8°	11
Dyce Collection in the South Kensington Museum. 4°	2
Ferrari et Caccia. Dict. Fr. et Ital. 4°	2
Fick. Vergleichendes Wörterbuch der indogermanischen Sprachen. 8°	4
Finden. Illustrations to Lord Byron. 4°	3
Gautier. Les Épopées françaises. 8°	3
Histoire Générale des Hommes Vivants. 4°	6
Holtrop. Monuments Typographiques des Pays Bas. 4°	1
Humphreys. Masterpieces of Early Painters. 4°	1
Japan Education. History of. 8°	1
Keats. Endymion. Illustrated by Poynter. Folio	1
Larousse, P. Grand Dictionnaire universel du XIXe siecle. 4°	14
Latham. The action of examinations. 8°	1
Lucas. English and German Dictionary. 4°	2

	Volumes.
Méry. Histoire des Proverbes. 8°	3
Navarrete. Biblioteca Maritima	1
Payne, John Howard. Life and writings. (Privately printed.) 4°	1
Ruskin (J.) Fors Clavigera. London, 1871–77. 8°	4
Pfeiffer. Deutsche Klassiker des Mittelalters. 12°	12
Sachs. Dict. Ency. Franc, Allem. 4°	1
Sanders. Wörterbuch der deutschen Sprache. 4°	3
Salva. Dict. Fr. Span. 4°	1
Schmidt. Bilder aus dem Leben unserer Zeit. 8°	3
Société des Anciens Textes français. 8°	1
Sotheby. Elucidation of the Autograph of Milton. 4°	1
Titi Livii Opera. Ed. Madwig. 8°	4
Wander. Deutsches Sprichwörterlexicon. 8°	4
Weigel. Collection über Buchdruckerkunst. Folio	1
Weigel u. Zestermann. Druckerkunst in Bild. u. Schrift. 4°	2

Fine Arts, including Music, Architecture and Ceramics.

Alphand. Promenades de Paris. Folio	2
Architectonische Studien, hrs'g vom Architecterverein zu Stuttgart. Folio	1
Art (L'). Revue Hebdomadaire illustrée. Folio	10
Art pour Tous (L'). Paris, 1871–75. Folio	5
Baldus, (E.) Palais du Louvre et des Tuileries. Folio	3
Calliat & Lance. Encyclopédie d'Architecture. 4°	12
Coste. Monuments Modernes de la Perse. Folio	1
Crowe and Cavalcaselle. History of Painting in Italy, &c. 8°.	6
Croydon Church, Past and Present. 4°	1
Daly. (C.) L'Architecture privée au XIXe siecle. Folio	6
Daly. (C.) Motifs historiques d' Architecture et de Sculpture. Folio	2
Desjardins. L'Hotel de Ville de Lyon. Folio	1
Dézamy. Salon de 1875 and 1876. Folio	2
English Painters of the Georgian Era. 4°	1
Facsimiles of Raffaelle et al. (Raccolta di 120 Disegni in Eliotipia). 4°	2
Foster. (Birket.) Pictures of English Landscape. 4°	1
Gailhaband. L'Architecture du Ve au XVIIe siècle. Folio.	6
Intime Club. Croquis d'Architecture. Folio	4
Inventaire des Richesses d'Art. Paris. Monuments réligieux. 4°	1
Krell. Klassiker der Malerei. Folio	2
Lacroix. Arts in the Middle Ages. 4°	1
Langl. Bilder zur Geschichte. 31 large plates and text. 4°.	1
Letarouilly. Edifices de Rome Moderne. Folio	2
Liénard. Livre d'Ornements. Folio	1
Lübke. History of Art in Germany (translated). 4°	2
Monastic Ruins of Yorkshire. Folio	2
Motifs de Decorations. Folio	1

	Volumes.
Nesfield. Sketches from France and Italy. Folio.....	1
Pfnor. Palais de Fontainebleau. Folio	1
Pfnor. Monographie du Chateau d' Anet. Folio	1
Philadelphia Photographer. 8°.....	8
Portfolio. (The). An artistic periodical. Folio.....	6
Prisse d' Avennes. L'Art Arabe d'aprés les Monuments du Caire. Text 4° and atlas. Folio.....	2
Raffaelle. Fac Similes of Original Studies. 4°.....	1
Sauvageot. Palais et Chateaux de France. Folio	4
Turin. La Reale Galleria di Torino. Folio	4
Tymms & Wyatt. On the Art of Illumination. 4°.....	1
Unger. Eaux-fortes d'après les maitres anciens. Folio.....	1
Viollet-le-duc. Habitations Modernes. Folio	2

Science, including Mathematics, Physics and Natural History.

Arnold and Samuels. The Living World. 4°.....	1
Baird, Brewer and Ridgway. American Birds. 4°	3
Bleeker. Atlas Ichthyologique des Indes Or. Nëerlandaises. Folio	3
Brehm u. Paesler. Eier der europäischen Vögel. Folio....	4
Briot. Théorie des Fonctions Elliptiques. 4°.....	1
Brown (Robert). The Races of Mankind. 4°.....	2
Coffin. Winds of the Globe. 4°	1
Eisenlohr. Mathematisches Handbuch d. alten Ægypter. Folio.....	2
Gould's Birds of New Guinea and Asia. Folio.....	5
Hayden. Geological Suryvey of the Territories (illustrated). 4°	1
Hirn. Théorié mécanique de la chaleur. 8°.....	3
Jourdanet. Pression de l'air sur la vie de l'homme. 4°	1
King (U. S.) Geological Explorations of the 40th Parallel. 4°	1
Marcou. Geological Map of the United States, and text. 4°	2
Nature. (Illustrated Journal of Science.) 4°.....	15
Peschel, Erdkunde, Zeitalter der Eutdeckungen. 8°.....	4
Pfeiffer. Nomenclator Botanicus. 4°.....	4
Pennsylvania. Second Geological Survey of 1876. 8°	1
Powell. U. S. Geological Explorations of the 40 parallel. 4°	1
Riemann. Gesammelte mathematische Werke. Leipzig 1876. 8°.....	1
Tennessee. Safford's Geology of. 8°.....	1
Wallace. Geographical Distribution of Animals. 8°	2
Weissenborn. Engineering. Folio	1
Wurtz. Dictionnaire de Chimie. 4°.....	2
Zöllner. Principien einer electrodynamischen Theorie der Materie. 4°	1

Useful Arts, including Commerce, Agriculture and Medicine.

Alcan. Traité du Travail des Laines, 3 vols. and 3 vols plates 8°.....	6

	Volumes.
Annales Industrielles. Paris, 1869–75. Folio and 4°	12
Becker (O.) Atlas der pathologischen Topographie des Auges. 4°	2
Braune. Topographisch Anatomischer Atlas. Leipzig, 1875. Folio	1
Callon. Mining. Translated by Galloway. Text and Atlas. 4°.	2
Daux. L'Industrie Humaine. 4°	1
Eichenauer. Seilscheibengerüste der Bergwerks — Fôrderanlagen, 1877. 8° and folio	2
Fehling. Handwörterbuch der Chemie. 4°	11
Heusinger von Waldegg. Handbuch der Eisenbahn. Technik. 4°	5
Jacquemart. Histoire du Mobilier. 4°	1
Kansas and other State Agricultural Reports	4
Key and Retzius. Studien in der Anatomie des Nervensystems u. d. Bindegewebes. (Illustrated.) Folio	2
Labarte, J. Histoire des Arts Industriels au Moyen Age, etc. 4°	3
Mauguin. Etudes historiques sur l'Administration de l'Agriculture en France. 8°	1
Paris, Halles Centrales construites sous le Régne de Napoleon IIIe. Paris, 1863. Folio	1
Professional Papers of the Royal Engineers. London. 8°	23
United States Centennial Reports and Documents of the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia. 8° and 4°	55
Ziemssen. Cyclopædia of the Practice of Medicine. 8°	13

Geography, including Travels.

Curtius. Ausgrabungen zu Olympia. Folio	1
Dümichen. Photographische Resultate einer expedition n. Egypten. 4°	1
Humbert. Japan and the Japanese. 4°	1
Kohl (J. G.) Geschichte der Magellan-strasse. 8°	1
Lauer. Odyssee-Landschaften. Folio	1
Luynes (Duc de). Voyage á la Mer Morte, á Petra, etc. 4°	4
Middendorff (A.) Reise in den äussersten Norden u. Osten Siberiens. 4° and folio	3
Nash (Joseph). Windsor Castle. Folio	1
Preussische Generalstabskarte. (In continuation.) Folio	1
Ransonnet. Sketches of Ceylon. Folio	1
Renan. Mission de Phénicie. 4°	1
Roberts (David). Views in Egypt. Folio	2
Roberts (David). Views in the Holy Land. Folio	2
Réclus. Dictionnaire générale de Géographie. 8°	2
Richthofen. (F. von.) China, Ergebnisse eigener Reisen. 1877. 4°	1
Rousselet. India and its Native Princes. Folio	1
Russell (Wm. H.) The Prince of Wales' Tour in India. 4°.	1
Schliemann. Atlas Trojanischer Alterthumer. 4°	2

	Volumes.
Squier (E. George). Peru. Incidents of travel and exploration in Peru. N. Y., 1877. 8°	1
Smyth (C.) Sketches in the Canadas. Folio	1
Tour du Monde (Le.) Nouveau Journal des Voyages 4°	15
Tobin (Lady). Land of our Inheritance. 4°	1
Wallace (D. Mackenzie). Russia. Amer. ed., 1877. 8°	1

The following are among some of the principal donations to the library during the year 1877:

Presented by	Volumes.
Berendt (Dr. C. Hermann). Die im Bernstein befindlichen organischen Reste der Vorwelt. 1845–1856. Folio	2
British Museum. Facsimiles of ancient charters. Pt. III. Folio	1
———. Lepidoptera Heterocera in B. M. 4°	1
———. Douglas' Catalogue of Chinese Printed Books	1
———. Manuscripts and Drawings in B. M. 4°	1
———. Sharpe's Catalogue of Birds. 1877. 8°	1
———. Woodward's Catalogue of British Fossil Crustacea. 8°	1
———. Willshire's Catalogue of Playing Cards in B. M. 8°.	1
Canada Public Documents, Reports, etc. Ottawa, 1877	10
China (per J. D. Campbell). Imperial Maritime Customs, Customs Gazette and Medical Records. Shanghai, 1877. 8° and 4°	4
Damseaux, E. de. La Belgique Pittoresque, 1872. Oblong 4°.	4
Daulte, Frank. Heldenbuch darinn die Denck-würdigten Thaten and Sachen, etc. 4°	1
Drisler, Prof. Henry. Historical Sketch of Columbia College. 1754–1876. 8°	1
Dix, Genl. John A. [Trustee Astor Library]. Unbound volumes and pamphlets (unclassified). 1,015.	
Fish, Hon. Hamilton. Desséchement du Lac Fucino exécuté par le Prince Alexandre Torlonia (with English translation). Rome, 1876. 4° and folio	2
Gorham, Geo. C. Memorial Address on the life and character of Orrin S. Ferry. 4°	1
Garcia, Manuel R. The Argentine Republic (written in German by Richard Napp). Buenos Ayres, 1876. 8°	1
Harvard College. Annals of the Astronomical Observatory of. 4°	3
Hayden, F. V. United States Survey, etc. Bulletins and Reports. 8° and 4°	6
Humphreys, Gen. A. A. United States Geographical Survey. Report, vol. IV. Paleontology. 4°	1
Japan Department of Education (per Tanaka-Fujimaro). Report of the Minister of Education. 1874. 4°	1
London Royal Society. Philosophical Transactions. 1872. 4°.	1

Presented by	Volumes.
London Society of Antiquaries. Archæologia. (44) II.....	1
Margry. Pierre. Découvertes et Établissements des Français dans l'Amérique Septentrionale (1614–1754). 2 vols. Roy. 8°.....	
New York Legislature. Senate and Assembly Documents. 8°.....	22
Ohio Legislature. Executive Documents.....	14
Powell, J. W. United States Survey Rocky Mountain Region. 4°.....	1
Providence City Council (per Mayor Thomas A. Doyle). Documents for the year 1876. 8° maj.....	1
Rogers, John P. (Captain, U. S. N.). Narrative of the North Polar Expedition. United States Ship Polaris, Capt. Hall. 4°.....	1
St. Louis Academy of Sciences. Transactions.....	9
Thomas, T. Gaillard. Trattato pratico delle malattie delle donne. (From the English.) Firenze, S. A. 8°.....	1
United States Government. Documents of the various departments.....	72
Vermont Legislature. Executive Documents.....	11
Valentine, Ph. Perez's Account of the Expedition against Nicaragua. 4°.....	2
Wiley, J. Rae's Report on the construction and working of the Railways of New South Wales, from 1872 to 1875. Folio.....	1
Wisconsin Legislature. Executive Documents (1867–1877).	41

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JANUARY 17, 1879.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY.

To the Hon. the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New York, and President of the Senate:

The Trustees of the Astor Library have the honor to transmit herewith their Thirtieth Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1878.

They respectfully request the usual number of printed copies (500), allowed by the State, for the use of the library.

Respectfully submitted.

A. HAMILTON,
President, etc.

DAN'L D. LORD,
Secretary.

ASTOR LIBRARY, *January* 8, 1879.

REPORT.

The Trustees of the Astor Library, in accordance with their act of incorporation, make this their Thirtieth Annual Report:

In the month of February last, Mr. Brevoort, the superintendent, resigned his position, and in April, Mr. Robbins Little was appointed superintendent in his stead. The management of the library, since Mr. Little took charge of it, has been highly satisfactory to the board.

In the month of September, Mr. Brevoort also resigned his office of trustee, and in November, Mr. Clarence King was elected to fill the vacancy.

The report of the treasurer, marked A, exhibiting the condition of the funds and securities, down to the 31st of December, 1878, is appended.

From this report it appears that there has been expended during the past year, for books, binding, catalogues, shelves and equipments, the sum of $11,432.91.

The fund for the maintenance of the library is now $417,500. The endowment fund is $1,071,296.39.

It also appears, from the same report, that there has been expended, in repairs to the library, additional safeguards from fire and in plumbing work, the sum of $1,942.02. This is exclusive of the cost of a new sky-light in the south hall, the first building erected, to replace the old one cracked and injured by time, the cost of which, about 1,500 dollars, was defrayed by Mr. Astor.

The library building is now in excellent order, and no very considerable sum will be required for repairs for some time to come.

In the month of April last, Mr. Astor gave to the library another sum of ten thousand dollars to be devoted exclusively to the purchase of books.

The report of the superintendent, marked B, is also appended, showing the additions to the library during the year, by purchase and donation, amounting to 5,858 volumes. The whole number of volumes in the collection, on the 31st December, 1878, was 183,245.

The trustees, in accordance with the plan of the library, have endeavored to apportion this increase throughout the various branches of science and literature, giving the preference, however, to American history, and for this year to oriental literature, which had fallen somewhat in arrears.

The trustees have not in general deemed it advisable to apply the funds of the library to the purchase of rare and costly antiquarian books or manuscripts, but they have received this year a very valuable addition of works of this character by a donation from Mr. Astor of six very rich and rare manuscripts and two specimens of the earliest printed works, viz.:

1. Epistolæ Apostolicæ Græce; in quarto, handsomely bound; a fine Greek manuscript of the Eleventh century, on charta bombicina; formerly in the library of the late Duke of Sussex.
2. De Disciplina et Perfectione monastice Conversationis; an illuminated manuscript on vellum, dated 1350, and containing several religious treatises.
3. Biblia Sacra Latina. This magnificent manuscript of the Vulgate, on the finest vellum, is of the Fourteenth century, and probably of English workmanship. It is enriched with miniatures and decorative initials in gold and colors.
4. Boethii, De Consolatione Philosophiæ; in quarto, with the original wooden binding; a curious manuscript of the Fourteenth century.
5. Aristotelis, Liber de Virtutibus et Vitiis, Græce et Latine; a beautiful manuscript, on vellum, written in the early part of the Fifteenth century, and embellished with illuminations and Arabesque borders.
6. Claudiani, De Raptu Proserpinæ. This is a minutely written manuscript volume, on vellum, and belongs to the period of the Italian Renaissance.
7. Janua (J. de) Catholicon; editio princeps; 2 vols. folio, 1460. This very valuable specimen of early printing is attributed to Gutenberg. It consists of a treatise on Grammar and Rhetoric, and a complete Latin Dictionary for the writings of the Fathers and Schoolmen.
8. Die Heylige Bibel; 2 volumes, imperial folio, 1477. The first German Bible with a date. It was printed by Zainer of Augsburg, in Gothic type. The first page of each volume is illuminated in gold and colors, and the initials are wood-cuts colored by hand.

All these works are of the highest interest to antiquarians and scholars.

Among other donations of interest and value was a copy of Rymer's Foedera, in 20 volumes folio, in excellent preservation, the gift of Mr. Charles O'Conor; and Professor Owen's valuable work upon the Extinct Mammals of Australia, of which it is understood only one hundred copies were printed, presented to the library by Mr. William Astor; and the fourth folio edition of Shakespeare, and 120 sheets of the Ordnance Map of Great Britain, presented by Mr. Alexander Hamilton; and the American State Papers, 21 volumes folio, completing our set, presented by Judge Albert S. Bolles, of Norwich.

At the close of the year, the president and officers of the United States Sanitary Commission offered to the library, as a gift, the Archives of the Commission, comprising a large body of statistical and histori-

cal matter, more fully described in an abstract annexed to this report. These records of the most complete and effective work, in relieving the sorrows and sufferings of war the world had, up to that time, seen, have been truly described as a monument to the patriotic zeal, intelligence and efficiency of the American people. They are an important part of the history of the great civil war, and have furnished a guide and model, in many respects, to the great nations of the world.

With this transfer, the valuable and important work of the United States Sanitary Commission ends, and in the appropriate words of President Bellows, they say:

"We lay down the burdens and cares of eighteen years of oversight and direction, with a sense of great relief and of gratitude to those whose hospitality shelters the record of our work.

"With this act, and with my signature as president of the Sanitary Commission, the last official act of my service, the United States Sanitary Commission expires! You receive its ashes, in which I hope some fragrance may linger, and, at least, a spark survive to kindle in times of new need, a flame equal to its own."

The library has accepted the gift, with pleasure, and has engaged that the records shall be carefully preserved, and be at all times accessible to the public.

The Card catalogue continues to give satisfaction to readers, and improvements in the details of the arrangements are made from time to time.

The facilities they afford appear from the fact that while the readers increase, the number of volumes called for diminishes, showing that each reader obtains, without delay, the volume sought, instead of, as before, asking for several unnecessarily. The total number of readers, for the past year, was 60,346, or an average for 275 days, when the library was open, of about 216 per day; of these, the alcove readers numbered 7,094. The growth, in the use of the library, is shown by the following comparison:

In 1865 the whole number of readers was	23,085
In 1878 " " "	60,346
In 1865 the alcove readers were	3,545
In 1878 " "	7,094

Nor is it only in the increased number of readers, but in the character of the works read that the progress appears, showing that residents of this and other States are availing themselves each year, more and more, of the facilities for study and research afforded by the wise purposes and plans of the founder of the library.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON,
President, etc.

DAN'L D. LORD,
Secretary.

ASTOR LIBRARY, *January* 8, 1879.

ABSTRACT OF CATALOGUES TO U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION PAPERS.

The Archives of the United States Sanitary Commission are divided, at the present time, into five (5) divisions:

1st. Those described in the "General Catalogue," embracing all the correspondence, reports, books of account, hospital directories, printed reports, histories and maps and charts, contained in some 1,099 books and pasteboard boxes, subdivided into thirty-four departments, per schedule attached hereto.

2d. Those described in the catalogue of the "Army and Navy Pay and Claim Agency," placed in sixteen large wooden chests, and consisting of the record of some 51,000 soldiers' claims investigated and settled.

3d. Those described in the catalogue of the "Accounts and Vouchers," placed in six large wooden chests, and consisting of the accounts and vouchers of all branches of the commission, and the general books of account of the main office.

4th. Those described in the catalogue of "Miscellaneous Matter," consisting chiefly of duplicates of printed matter and maps and charts.

5th. Those described in the catalogue entitled "Valueless," consisting of papers apparently worthless, but which it is considered necessary to keep for some time longer, said papers being principally express and other receipts for stores, etc., delivered.

SCHEDULE—ARCHIVES.

1. Medical Committee, Nos. 1 to 36; 25 books; 11 cases.
2. Special Inspection of General Army Hospitals, 37 to 38; 2 cases.
3. New England Women's Auxiliary Association, Nos. 39 to 52; 14 cases.
4. Executive Committee of Boston Associates, Nos. 53 to 76; 22 books; 2 cases.
5. California Branch, Nos. 77 to 86; 6 books; 4 cases.
6. Department of the Gulf, New Orleans, La., Nos. 87 to 92; 1 book; 5 cases.
7. Statistical Bureau, Nos. 93 to 134; 3 portfolios; 39 cases.
8. Frederick and Sharpsburg, Maryland, No. 135; 1 case.
9. Baltimore, Maryland, Nos. 136 to 142; 6 cases.
10. Annapolis, Maryland, No. 143; 1 case.
11. Army of the Potomac, Nos. 144 to 163; 20 cases.
12. Department of the Shenandoah, Nos. 164 to 165; 2 cases.
13. Department of North Carolina, Nos. 166 to 170; 5 cases.
14. Washington Hospital Directory; Nos. 171 to 283; 80 books; 33 cases.
15. Louisville, Ky., Hospital Directory, Nos. 284 to 338; 1 box or case; 54 books.
16. English Branch, No. 339; 1 case.
17. Army and Navy Claim Agency, Nos. 340 to 486; 34 books; 113 cases.
18. Protective War Claim Association of New York, Nos. 487 to 511; 25 cases.
19. Protective War Claim Association of Philadelphia, Pa., Nos. 512 to 544; 33 cases.

20. Philadelphia, Pa., Agency, Nos. 545 to 559; 15 cases.
21. Canvass and Supply Department, Nos. 560 to 566; 7 cases.
22. Market Supply, Nos. 567 to 569; 3 cases.
23. Gettysburg and Harrisburg, Pa., No. 567; 1 case.
24. Philadelphia, Pa., Agency, Women's Pennsylvania Branch, Nos. 570 to 606, 33 books; 4 cases.
25. New York, N. Y., Nos. 607 to 642; 36 boxes or cases.
26. New York, N. Y., Historical Bureau, Nos. 543 to 653; 11 cases.
27. New York, N. Y., Women's Central Relief Association, Nos. 654 to 707; 42 books; 12 cases.
28. New York, N. Y., New York Office, Nos. 708 to 726; 5 books; 14 cases.
29. Washington, D. C., Nos. 727 to 895; 2 books; 167 cases.
30. Archive Registers, Nos. 896 to 908; 13 books.
31. Western Department, Nos. 909 to 940; 15 books; 17 boxes or cases.
32. American Association for relief of Misery on Battle Fields, No. 941; 1 case.
33. Special Relief (a history of the same), Nos. 942 to 963; 22 cases.
34. Condensed Historical Matter, Nos. 964 to 1099, 127 books; 2 cases; 7 pictures.

(A.)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY.

NEW YORK, *December* 31, 1878.

Endowment Fund:			
For the site and building			$257,631 85
For purchase of books			256,759 18
For maintenance and gradual increase			410,000 00
For equipment, steam heat, by W. B. Astor			6,545 74
			$930,936 77
Increase by surplus of income over expenditures to December 31, 1877		$119,468 23	
Income of 1878	$26,812 64		
Less expenses	15,921 25		
		10,891 39	
Total increase to date			130,359 62
Donation from J. J. Astor, for purchase of books			10,000 00
Total fund, December 31, 1878			$1,071,296 39
Invested as follows, viz.:			
Cost of site and building		$257,852 84	
Cost of equipment		35,261 41	
Cost of books		330,205 28	
Cost of catalogues		14,458 81	
Outlay		$637,778 34	
In securities on hand, viz.:			
United States five-twenties of 1868, $15,000, costing		15,135 00	
New York city seven per cent stock		7,500 00	
Bonds and mortgages at six per cent		266,000 00	
Bonds and mortgages at seven per cent		122,000 00	
On deposit New York Life and Trust Company		6,000 00	
On deposit in Farmers' Loan and Trust Company		5,653 91	
On deposit in U. S. Trust Company		11,000 00	
On deposit in Gallatin National Bank		229 14	
			$1,071,296 39
The income of the year received is			$26,812 64
And from the following sources, viz.:			
Interest on bonds and mortgages		$25,153 40	
Interest on New York city stock		525 00	
Interest on United States five-twenties of 1868		900 00	
Premium on gold received		13 78	
Interest on trust company deposits		220 46	
			$26,812 64

The expenditures were as follows, viz.:

For salaries	$11,017 53	
For expenses	764 63	
For cleaning	439 72	
For repairs	1,942 12	
For fuel	319 00	
For insurance	1,438 35	
		$15,921 25
Surplus		$10,891 39

Of the whole accumulation of income to date ($130,359.62), there has been expended toward the cost of building,	$220 99
Cost of equipment	27,923 83
Cost of books and catalogues	96,331 75
	$124,476 57
And there is on deposit in bank and trust company	5,883 05
	$130,359 62

During the year the treasurer has received payment of the following bonds and mortgages:

Of Isaac Hochster, on account	$5,000 00
Of Frederick Marx	5,500 00
Of Brien & Adams	7,000 00
	$17,500 00

Of this he has re-invested in bond and mortgage of Fannie Clifford, 124 East 61st street, $5,000, at six per cent; and of Loretta H. Miller, W. 158th street, between 11th and 12th avenues, $5,500, at seven per cent. The balance, $7,000, is on deposit in the United States Trust Company.

The income for the year 1879 may be estimated as follows, viz.:

Twelve months' interest on bonds and mortgages, $266,000, at six per cent	$15,960 00
Twelve months' interest on bonds and mortgages, $122,000, at seven per cent	8,540 00
Twelve months' interest on $15,000 United States five-twenties	900 00
Twelve months' interest on $7,500 New York city seven per cent	525 00
Interest on trust company deposits (estimated)	300 00
Interest in arrears at date (since paid)	630 00
Total	$26,855 00

The insurance is—

On books	$220,000 00
On building	100,000 00

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. ASTOR, *Treasurer.*

(B.)

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, 1878.

The superintendent has the honor to make the following report, for the year 1878, to the Trustees of the Astor Library:

The library has been protected from the elements by setting a strong sky-light over the south hall, and by thoroughly repairing the iron shutters, which had become warped and rusted through on the east side of the building. New safeguards have also been adopted to insure a good sanitary condition of the interior. Precautions have been taken for the better preservation of the books upon the shelves, and 1,096 volumes have been bound.

The number of readers in the halls, and the number of books read there for the last ten years, have been as follows:

1869	27,863	readers and	77,099	books.
1870	25,707	"	78,935	"
1871	25,529	"	92,023	"
1872	26,644	"	111,317	"
1873	29,438	"	116,694	"
1874	34,854	"	127,579	"
1875	36,735	"	135,065	"
1876	42,178	"	143,545	"
1877	52,279	"	156,091	"
1878	53,252	"	144,968	"

During the same period the number of permissions to study in the alcoves has been as follows:

1869	4,771
1870	5,204
1871	5,380
1872	5,915
1873	6,518
1874	6,838
1875	5,871
1876	5,675
1877	6,342
1878	7,094

The character of the books read in hall, and of the investigations pursued in alcove, may be seen by tables annexed to this report.

The card catalogue adopted of late years, for books acquired since the last volume of the printed catalogue was published, continues to be of much service to persons consulting the library. This sort of catalogue, though overrated, perhaps, except for accessions, is coming into such general use that publishers may soon find it worth while to print a few hundred title cards with every work of permanent value. Such cards would serve at once as an advertisement, a handy and precise order, and the means of putting a book at once upon library shelves. In addition to our card catalogue, a quarterly list of accessions will be printed for the information of the public, and for exchange with other libraries.

We have cheerfully co-operated with other libraries in the preparation of Mr. Poole's Enlarged Index to Periodicals, and have finished the

work allotted to us. In the growth of a reference library, the importance of keeping up with the development of good serial publications is manifest. The latest results of original research so often appear in this shape, especially in Europe, that a regular supply of the leading periodicals, in every great branch of science and learning, tends more than anything else to give a library the character of a silent university. Heretofore our serials have been taken chiefly for preservation and future reference. A printed list of those most likely to have immediate interest will now be laid upon the reading tables, and current numbers made readily available.

Next to the skirmish line of serials, come recent books. The choice of these for a library of this sort cannot be left to the discretion of the trade, but requires much personal attention from a different point of view, and a certain wide familiarity with the best intellectual activity of the world at the present time. To keep pace with the age, is the best way to prevent crying deficiencies in future. Older wants may be supplied as they make themselves felt, or as opportunity offers. The suggestions of judicious persons visiting the library are always invited and usually acted upon.

A gift from Mr. J. J. Astor of $10,000 for new books has been partly available during the year, and 3,516 volumes have been purchased, with the advice and consent of your book committee. Among these accessions are the latest things of value concerning India, and the languages and religions of Asia; the interesting German researches into the historical development of modern law; 70 volumes of Hansard's Parliamentary Debates, completing our set, and a number of works upon various branches of social science.

The number of accessions directly presented, during the year has been 2,342. A complete list is appended in the order of the donors' names. These gifts include Richard Owen's rare and valuable work upon the extinct Mammals of Australia, presented by Mr. Wm. Astor; six beautiful manuscripts and two fine specimens of early printing (one of which brought a great price at the recent sale of Firmin-Didot in Paris), presented by Mr. J. J. Astor; Rymer's Fœdera, 20 volumes folio, presented by Charles O'Conor, Esq.; American State Papers, 21 volumes folio, completing our set, presented by Judge Albert T. Bolles, of Norwich; the fourth folio edition of Shakspeare, and 120 sheets of the Ordnance Map of Great Britain, presented by Alexander Hamilton, Esq.; and a complete set of the publications of the United States Hydrographic Office, including about 1,000 marine charts, presented through the Bureau of Navigation in the Navy Department.

The number of books reported in the library for the last ten years is as follows:

At the end of	1869	139,106
" "	1870	140,558
" "	1871	141,803
" "	1872	144,178
" "	1873	147,640
" "	1874	150,306
" "	1875	152,446
" "	1876	165,854
" "	1877	177,387
" "	1878	183,245

This healthful growth, with a corresponding increase in the serious use of the library, shows that it has taken root as a permanent institution of the most useful and elevating sort; a living monument of enlightened public spirit, for which the citizens of New York cannot fail to be grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBBINS LITTLE,

Superintendent.

ASTOR LIBRARY, *January*, 1879.

APPENDIX

TO THE REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, 1878.

I. Table showing the number of readers and books read in the halls of the library.

II. Table showing the number of alcove readers, and the character of their studies.

III. Table showing the number and character of the accessions to the library.

IV. List of accessions by donation, in the order of the donors' names.

I.

TABLE showing the number of readers and books read in the halls of the Library in 1878.

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Volumes given out.
Agriculture	60	54	62	76	48	40	65	16	47	29	60	537
Anthropology	17	7	.....	1	7	15	7	8	2	15	30	109
Archæology	46	39	60	34	31	39	9	39	24	24	10	355
Architecture	139	161	232	179	60	87	30	111	71	95	82	1,250
Art of war	19	22	31	9	14	3	6	12	19	24	8	167
Astronomy	18	11	35	33	28	55	33	20	41	37	47	358
Bibliography	328	362	335	128	243	161	136	213	220	198	1,166	3,490
Biology	71	13	7	27	6	30	.....	14	8	12	54	242
Botany	285	34	101	136	102	112	47	172	51	67	59	1,166
Building construction	22	35	89	40	8	31	21	20	7	15	10	298
Chemistry and physics	366	296	483	415	374	292	248	346	401	370	361	3,952
Commerce and banking	99	54	51	61	25	86	24	54	36	53	41	584
Conchology	16	3	13	24	8	10	12	14	20	40	10	170
Domestic economy	16	28	44	29	32	34	29	38	19	25	102	396
Ecclesiastical history	111	89	100	55	70	36	49	45	82	60	219	916
Education	68	57	29	198	121	100	50	33	44	15	47	762
Encyclopedias	848	532	641	625	619	531	470	462	515	590	846	6,679
Ethics	8	12	28	7	24	10	16	12	21	13	29	180
Ethnology	8	15	9	32	7	26	.....	5	7	10	3	122
Fine arts	669	535	611	461	377	388	407	463	489	405	463	5,268
Freemasonry	6	2	7	4	.....	4	7	3	.....	4	21	53
General science	20	24	25	132	34	96	160	151	128	161	137	1,063
Geography	242	89	161	133	96	103	47	114	89	138	87	1,299
Geology and paleontology	69	19	93	51	111	72	60	51	46	31	31	639
Horticulture	13	3	21	18	16	30	10	9	19	15	21	175
Industrial arts	50	101	104	83	45	45	81	39	32	46	60	686
Jurisprudence	259	258	350	271	215	104	187	122	264	424	227	2,681
Logic	10	4	12	26	10	57	35	30	40	21	40	285
Mathematics	189	160	115	33	57	57	108	73	100	70	104	1,066
Mechanic and engineering	141	135	157	81	69	110	129	87	81	82	93	1,165
Medicine and surgery	441	368	505	663	693	540	474	500	479	364	570	5,599
Metallurgy	19	20	18	12	26	24	14	27	5	2	7	174
Metaphysics	64	77	74	60	103	70	81	85	75	116	104	909
Mining and mineralogy	28	46	48	56	45	20	19	30	23	7	72	394
Music	124	62	134	274	289	249	34	41	70	226	93	1,601
Mythology	28	27	27	41	130	160	147	8	23	6	56	658
Natural history—general	178	133	214	210	176	114	156	209	110	86	119	1,705
Natural law	3	7	2	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	1	1	23	43
Natural philosophy	10	22	3	4	3	5	2	2	7	3	68	129
Navigation	19	2	3	18	41	24	18	9	6	3	20	172

Occult science	20	42	51	64	18	33	44	19	31	33	53	408
Patents	.....	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4
Photography	25	11	.....	4	4	10	2	8	3	8	6	81
Political economy	18	15	36	75	31	50	40	47	45	30	58	445
Social science	90	83	96	45	72	49	42	27	35	66	34	639
Sports and pastimes	25	84	60	42	39	45	23	25	41	16	130	590
Statistics—general	31	43	45	5	29	39	69	56	30	28	6	381
Telegraphy	34	45	69	51	33	7	27	34	9	34	27	370
Theology	539	285	397	480	417	309	310	264	185	219	287	3,685
Transactions—American	118	247	165	42	75	83	26	103	156	117	108	1,240
British	116	53	99	27	57	40	55	66	113	110	46	782
European	108	137	146	85	94	87	81	124	208	122	31	1,223
Useful arts	256	225	178	213	154	140	180	142	145	119	92	1,844
Zoölogy	18	4	17	11	7	12	28	49	50	28	54	278
Total of volumes	6,525	5,196	6,398	5,884	5,397	4,880	4,355	4,651	4,773	4,826	6,607	59,492
Total of readers in the hall	2,785	2,398	2,881	2,597	2,282	1,775	1,482	1,804	1,996	2,026	2,510	24,536
Total of readers in department of patents	325	297	346	298	263	268	236	353	332	341	351	3,410
Total of alcove readers	181	167	198	140	101	106	79	119	145	145	150	1,531
Total of hall, patents and alcove readers	3,291	2,862	3,425	3,035	2,646	2,149	1,797	2,276	2,473	2,512	3,011	29,477

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND LITERATURE.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Volumes given out.
Biography	28	3	22	23	30	18	.....	3	9	9	48	193
Chronology	13	.....	.....	6	4	3	1	15	43	20	53	158
Documents—British	55	23	2	47	6	.....	22	14	20	29	20	238
United States	221	209	195	259	292	302	144	210	246	209	158	2,445
Elocution and rhetoric	37	46	59	41	37	32	8	18	10	11	28	327
Heraldry and genealogy	449	757	808	458	381	386	214	321	635	409	420	5,238
History, American—Canada (Dominion)	5	6	16	8	45	.....	9	49	51	18	20	227
Central America	20	7	4	5	4	29	.....	6	.....	.....	9	84
Indians	6	18	8	13	5	3	.....	23	11	21	35	143
Mexico	30	12	10	12	13	45	15	10	12	31	24	214
South America	18	19	12	38	100	41	20	10	7	24	30	319
United States	844	774	1,017	1,199	1,163	729	639	1,077	791	920	1,471	10,624
West Indies	51	15	14	5	21	7	22	5	94	27	22	283
History—Ancient	196	98	145	162	117	214	74	183	238	225	272	1,934
Belgian	4	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	30
British	700	624	671	516	652	397	217	310	470	478	573	5,608
Danubian Principalities	.....	1	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
French	342	298	348	362	394	463	172	180	368	360	445	3,732
General	89	134	118	95	28	82	13	80	73	89	375	1,176
German	129	44	55	54	69	61	12	72	58	55	88	697
Greek (modern)	.....	.....	1	.....	6	.....	11	.....	1	4	19	42
Italian	65	29	13	33	73	19	1	12	34	35	86	400
Netherland	18	18	48	1	12	16	20	6	7	35	67	248
Oriental	7	12	21	19	42	11	7	26	32	48	25	250
Portuguese	.....	.....	2	1	9	6	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	20
Russian	14	30	21	41	79	25	2	22	36	8	14	292
Scandinavian	.....	2	2	1	.....	11	2	9	13	4	9	53
Spanish	18	10	19	9	37	14	26	16	42	63	15	269
Swiss	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	.....	.....	5
Inscriptions and numismatics	87	99	52	84	63	79	26	144	121	47	95	897
Literary history	54	43	16	28	13	31	39	27	8	46	48	353
Literature—American	571	507	493	565	789	663	270	384	497	413	906	6,058
Classical	498	594	529	697	573	589	169	392	555	393	668	5,657
English	2,487	2,048	1,780	1,472	1,574	1,640	998	1,135	1,256	1,156	1,822	17,368
French	725	466	409	539	495	580	468	386	368	308	460	5,204
German	460	342	234	231	367	209	188	352	368	190	158	3,099
Italian	54	126	142	97	133	30	40	86	17	47	62	834
Netherland	.....	5	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
Oriental	21	42	4	42	16	11	.....	18	11	39	36	240
Portuguese	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	10
Russian	6	4	5	7	18	8	3	31	30	13	19	144
Scandinavian	207	86	72	36	19	94	8	26	28	6	11	593

Literature—Spanish	155	47	61	18	59	42	11	59	58	27	100	637
Manners and customs	47	69	40	94	44	27	23	8	38	16	91	497
Oriental	212	162	187	158	115	166	133	34	100	103	121	1,491
Palæography	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Philology and linguistics	599	392	527	582	371	342	182	252	264	317	605	4,433
Voyages and travels—Africa	5	17	39	15	23	22	15	81	69	64	22	372
Arctic	.....	1	.....	25	17	12	9	1	9	23	2	99
Asia	28	20	26	12	26	20	17	25	50	137	122	483
Europe	81	30	32	54	20	14	12	21	22	13	19	318
General	52	28	49	51	58	56	44	40	17	34	54	483
North America	18	32	13	27	41	35	52	52	52	13	10	345
Oceanica	17	6	12	8	25	1	5	13	37	13	.....	137
South America	38	27	4	5	10	109	69	38	18	9	6	333
West Indies and Central America	3	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	2	36	57	25	.....	134
Total of volumes	9,784	8,382	8,359	8,271	8,494	7,694	4,436	6,346	7,353	6,584	9,773	85,476
Total of readers in the hall	3,226	2,976	3,040	2,912	2,714	2,511	1,520	2,254	2,411	2,315	2,837	28,716
Total of alcove readers	215	270	265	219	213	155	79	166	219	191	161	2,153
Total of hall and alcove readers	3,441	3,246	3,305	3,131	2,927	2,666	1,599	2,420	2,630	2,506	2,998	30,869

Total of volumes read in both halls	144,968	
Total of readers in both halls		53,252
Total of alcove readers, including readers in patents		7,094
		60,346

II.

Table showing the number of Alcove readers, and the character of their studies in 1878.

	Admissions.
Agriculture	9
Anthropology	6
Archæology	9
Architecture	42
Art of war	6
Astronomy	5
Bibliography	24
Biology	5
Botany	177
Building-construction	6
Chemistry and physics	81
Commerce and banking	11
Conchology	13
Domestic economy	3
Ecclesiastical history	5
Education	13
Encyclopedias	21
Ethics	7
Ethnology	3
Fine arts	128
Freemasonry	3
General science	9
Geography	10
Geology and palæontology	6
Horticulture	7
Industrial arts	7
Jurisprudence	404
Logic	6
Mathematics	22
Mechanics and engineering	32
Medicine and surgery	74
Metallurgy	6
Metaphysics	26
Mining and mineralogy	13
Music	6
Mythology	2
Natural History—general	37
Natural philosophy	3
Navigation	16
Occult science	61
Patents	3,447
Photography	11
Political economy	6
Social science	9
Sports and pastimes	1
Statistics—general	13
Telegraphy	2
Theology	123
Transactions, American	1
British	2
European	8
Useful arts	16
Zoölogy	1
Biography	3
Documents—British	3
Heraldy and genealogy	49
History, American—Canada (Dominion),	26
Central America	12
Indians	18
Mexico	27
South America	40
United States	694
West Indies	23
History—Ancient	137
British	255
French	54
General	1
German	5
Italian	3
Oriental	4
Russian	9
Scandinavian	3
Spanish	2
Inscriptions and numismatics	48
Literary history	1
Literature—American	13
Classical	33
English	401
French	56
German	16
Italian	1
Oriental	1
Scandinavian	2
Manners and customs	2
Orientalia	56
Philology and linguistics	117
Voyages and travels—Africa	32
Asia	3
General	3
	7,717

III.

Table showing the number and character of the accessions to the library in 1878.

In the Department of Science and Art:

	Volumes.		Volumes
Agriculture	23	Jurisprudence	168
Anthropology	2	Mathematics	14
Archæology	41	Mechanics and engineering	57
Architecture	48	Medicine and surgery	170
Art of war	12	Metallurgy	2
Astronomy	36	Metaphysics	48
Bibliography	81	Mining and mineralogy	11
Biology	4	Music	69
Botany	24	Mythology	49
Building-construction	5	Natural history—general	51
Chemistry and physics	80	Navigation	886
Commerce and banking	41	Occult science	15
Domestic economy	7	Patents	205
Ecclesiastical history	91	Photography	2
Education	82	Political economy	32
Encyclopedias	7	Social science	64
Ethics	2	Sports and pastimes	8
Ethnology	4	Telegraphy	8
Fine arts	104	Theology	64
Freemasonry	4	Transactions, American	20
General science	37	Transactions, British	27
Geography	239	Transactions, European	136
Geology and palæontology	80	Useful arts	20
Horticulture	45	Zoölogy	9
Industrial Arts	28		
			3,262

In the Department of History and Literature:

	Volumes.		Volumes.
Biography	1	Inscriptions and numismatics	24
Chronology	1	Literary history	6
Documents—British	85	Literature, American	62
Documents—United States	21	Literature, classical	71
Elocution and Rhetoric	2	Literature, English	96
Heraldry and Genealogy	9	Literature, French	129
History, American; Canada—(Dominion)	32	Literature, German	157
History, American; Central America	3	Literature, Italian	20
History, American; Indians	2	Literature, Netherland	2
History, American; Mexico	5	Literature, Oriental	598
History, American; South America	5	Literature, Portuguese	3
History, American; United States	365	Literature, Russian	6
History, Ancient	30	Literature, Scandinavian	8
History, British	161	Literature, Spanish	5
History, Danubian Principalities	1	Manners and Customs	1
History, French	95	Orientalia	25
History, general	27	Philology and linguistics	138
History, German	34	Voyages and travels, Africa	12
History, Greek (modern)	11	Voyages and travels, Arctic	9
History, Italian	51	Voyages and travels, Asia	22
History, Netherland	1	Voyages and travels, Europe	5
History, Oriental	138	Voyages and travels, general	9
History, Russian	12	Voyages and travels, N. America	6
History, Scandinavian	26	Voyages and travels, Oceanica	4
History, Spanish	57		
History, Swiss	3		
			2,596

Summary.

In Department of Science and Art	3,262
In Department of History and Literature	2,596
Total	5,858

In this aggregate of 5,858 volumes there are included 1,099 pamphlets, hydrographic charts, ordnance maps, etc , etc.

IV.

DONATIONS TO THE ASTOR LIBRARY, 1878.

	Volumes.
Abbott, F. Leverson's Common Sense; or, First Steps in Political Economy. 8°. New York, 1876	1
Agassiz, Prof. A. Report of the Curator of the Museum of Comparative Zoology. 8°. Cambridge, 1878	1
Ahn, Dr. F. His French Primer, Charts, etc., by Dr. P. Henn. 12°. New York, 1878	10
Allen, Franklin. The Sixth Annual Report of the Silk Association. 8°. New York, 1878	1
American Antiquarian Society. Proceedings for 1878. 8°. Worcester, 1878. 1 pamphlet.	
American Bible Society Record. 8°. New York, 1878	1
American Board of Foreign Missions; Sixty-eighth Report of. 8°. Boston, 1868	1
American Institute of Mining Engineers. Transactions of. 8°. Phila., 1878	1
American Numismatic Society; Grueber's Use and Nature of Roman Medallions. 8°. New York, 1878	1
American Philosophical Society. Transactions and Proceedings. 8°. Phila., 1878. 2 pamphlets.	
Appleton & Co. The Seward Memorial. 4°. New York, s. a.	1
Archæologia. Vol. 45, for 1877. 4°. London, 1877	1
Astor, J. J. Aristotelis, Liber de Virtutibus et Vitiis. 4°. (14th Century)	1
——. Boethius, De Consolatione Philosophiæ. 4°. 1381	1
——. Claudianus, De Raptu Proserpinæ. 12°. (15th Century),	1
——. Janua (Joh. de) Catholicon. (Editio princeps). Folio. 1460	2
——. Biblia Sacra Latina. Folio. (14th Century)	1
——. De Disciplina et perfectione Monastice Conversationis. 12°. (14th Century)	1
——. Epistolæ Apostolicæ Græce. 4°. (11th Century)	1
——. Die Heylige Bibel. Folio. Augsburg. 1477	2
Astor, William. Owen's Researches on the Fossil Remains of the Mammals of Australia. 4°. London, 1877. With Atlas	2
Austin, C. F. Musei Appalachiani. Supplement No. I. 8°. Closter, 1878	1
Bachiller y Morales. El Buen Nino. 8°. Habana, 1853	1
——. Elementos de la Filosofia del Derecho. 8°. Habana, 1857.	1
——. Fisiologia e Higiene de los Hombres. 8°. Habana, 1843.	1
——. Historia de las Letras en la Isla de Cuba. 8°. Habana, 1859	1
——. Noticias de Cristoval Colon. 8°. Habana, 1845	1
Baird, Rev. C. W. Overall's Catalogue of the Library and Museum of the City of London. 8°. London, 1872	1
——. Overall's Report of the Committee of the Common Council Library. Folio. London, 1869	1
——. Registrar-General's List of Non-parochial Registers and Records. Folio. London, 1859	1

Volumes.

Baird, Rev. C. W. Registrar-General's Quarterly Returns of Marriages, Births and Deaths in England. 8°. London, 1877. 1

——. Registrar-General's Thirty-eighth Report of Births, Deaths, etc., in England. 8°. London, 1877 1

Baird, Spencer F. His Report of the Fish and Fisheries for 1875-76. 8°. Washington, 1878 1

Baker T. The Twenty-sixth Report of the Manchester Libraries. 8°. Manchester, 1878 1

Barchi, Rev. C. A. Catalogue of St. Ignatius' College (San Francisco). 8°. San Francisco, 1878 1

Barnes, J. K. Annual Report of the Surgeon General of the U. S. Army. 8°. Washington, 1878 1

——. The Cholera Epidemic of 1873 in the United States. 8°. Washington, 1875 1

Bell, C. H. His Dedication Discourse before the New England Historical and Genealogical Society. 8°. Boston, 1871 1

Bland, Thomas. Johnston's Eighth Annual Report of the Metropolitan Museum. 8°. New York, 1878 1

Bloede, Gertrude. Sterne's Angelo. A Poem. 8°. New York, 1878 1

Bodenhamer, W. His Essay on Rectal Medication. 8°. New York, 1878 1

Bolles, A. S. American State Papers. 4°. Washington, 1861. 17

Boston. Dedication of the Boston Common Monument. 8°. Boston, 1877 1

Boston. Public Library; Green, S. A.; The Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Annual Reports of. 8°. Boston, 1877–78 2

——. Public Library. List of Mathematical Works recently added to the Bowditch College. 8° Boston, s. a. 1 pam.

——. Railroad Commissioners' Ninth Annual Report. 8°. Boston, 1878 1

Botta, Prof. V. Alla Gloriosa memoria di Vittorio Emanuele. 8°. New York, 1878 1

Bradlee, Rev. C. A. Doddett's History of the Bradlee Family. 8°. Boston, 1878 1

Bradlee, Rev. C. D. Annual Report of the President and Treasurer of Harvard College for 1876–7. 8° Cambridge, 1878. 1 pamphlet.

British Museum. Dobson's Catalogue of the Collection of Chiroptera in the. 8°. London, 1878 1

——. Catalogue of the Greek Coins in the B. M. 8°. London, 1877 1

——. Calalogue of Oriental Coins in the B. M. Vol. III. 8°. London, 1877 1

——. Catalogue of Prints, Drawings and Satires in the B. M. Vol. III. 2 parts, 1877. 8°. London, 1877 2

——. Catalogue of the Spanish MSS. in the B. M., by Don Pascual de Gayangos. Vol. II. 8°. London, 1877 1

——. The gigantic land tortoises (living and extinct) in the B. M., by Albert C. L. G. Günther. 4°. London, 1877 1

——. Guide to the Exhibition Rooms of Natural History. 8°. London, 1878 1

Volumes.

British Museum. Guide to the Second Vase Room of the B. M. 12°. London, 1878 2
——. Patents (Commissioner of) for 1876–7. 8°. London, 1876–77 158
Boothby, J. His Statistical Sketch of South Australia. 8°. London, 1878 1
Brown, W. L. His Descriptive Catalogue of Revenue Stamps of Italy. 8°. New York, 1878 1
Burnham, G. W. Proceedings at the Inaugurating of the Statue of Daniel Webster. Folio. New York, 1878 1
Butler, Wm. A. and Sauger, W. C. New York State Court of Appeals. Reports of Cases. 8°. Albany, 1877–78 4
Butler, Wm. A. Shield's Final Philosophy. 8°. New York, 1877. 1
California Farmer (the) for 1878. Folio. San Francisco, 1878.. 1
California, University of. Its Bulletin for 1877–8. No. 28. 8°. San Francisco, 1877–8. 1 pamphlet.
——. Its Register for 1877–8. 8°. Berkley, 1877 1
Campbell, J. D. China Imperial Maritime Customs Service List. 8°. Shanghai, 1877. 1 pamphlet.
Canada. Public Documents, including Reports of the various Departments for 1877. 8°. Ottawa, 1877 10
Canadian Patent Office Record for 1878. 8°. Ottawa, 1878..... 1
Cannon, Hon. G. Q. Musser's Fruits of Mormonism. 8°. Salt Lake City, 1876 1
——. Pratt's Bible and Polygamy. 8°. Salt Lake City, 1877.. 1
——. Pratt' Key to the Science of Theology. 12°. Salt Lake City, 1874 1
——. Pratt's Voice of Warning and Instruction to all People. 12°. Salt Lake City, 1874 1
——. Smith's Book of Mormon. 12°. Salt Lake City, 1877... 1
——. Smith's Doctrine and Covenants. 12°. Salt Lake City, 1876 1
——. Smith's Pearl of Great Price. 8°. Salt Lake City, 1878, 1
——. Smith's Rise, Progress and Travel of Latter-day Saints. 8°. Salt Lake City, 1872 1
——. Spencer's Letters on the Prominent Doctrines of Mormonism. 12°. Salt Lake City. 1874 1
——. Taylor and Colfax. The Mormon Question. 8°. Salt Lake City, 1870 1
——. Catechism of Mormon Doctrines. 12°. Salt Lake City, 1877 1
——. Death of Brigham Young. 8°. Salt Lake City, 1877... 1
Capital and Labor for 1878. 8°. London, 1878 1
Carroll, Miss E. Voltaire's Abstract of the Last Will and Testament of Jean Meslier. 12°. New York, 1878 1
Caulfield, Dr. R. Council Book of the Corporation of Youghal. 4°. Cork, 1878 1
Chambers, Mrs. K. Lotos-Flowers Gathered in Sun and Shadow. 12°. New York, 1878 1
Chicago Public Library. The Sixth Annual Report of. 8°. Chicago, 1878 1
Children's Aid Society. The Twenty-sixth Report of. 8°. New York, 1878 1

Volumes.

China Customs Gazette, from July–Sept., 1877. 4°. Shanghai, 1877 1
Christern, F. W. Firmin Didots' Catalogue des Livres rares et précieux. 8°. Paris, 1878 1
Christian Intelligencer (The) for 1878. 4°. New York, 1878 1
Clark, Dr. E. B. Catalogue of the Library of the Department of the Interior. 8°. Washington, 1877 1
Corson, Miss Julia. Cooking School Text Book. 12°. New York, 1879 [1878] 1
Cox, S. S. Report of the Home of Disabled Volunteers for 1877. 8°. Washington, 1878 1
Coxe, Brinton. Ways and Means for the Inhabitants of Delaware to Become Rich. 8°. Philadelphia, 1878 1
Dalton, Dr. J. C. American Gynecological Society, Session of 1877. 8°. Boston, 1878 1
De Costa, B. F. Hand-book of Mount Desert. 12°. Boston, s. a. 1
——. In Memorium W. H. De Costa. 12°. Charleston, 1878, 1
De Voe, F. W. & Co.'s, Priced Catalogue. 4°. New York, 1878, 1
Dix, Gen. John A. Documents and Pamphlets. 8°. v. y. 46 pamphlets.
——. Webster's MSS. Papers on Political and Commercial Subjects. 8°. New York, 1802 1
Draper, Dr. J. Report of the New York Meteorological Observatory, 1877. 8°. New York, 1878 1
Drisler, Prof. Henry. Diocese of the Albany Convention, from 1868–75. 8°. Albany, 1868–75 8
Drisler, Prof. Henry. Egleston's Lectures on Mineralogy, Metallic Tables, etc. 8°. New York, 1877 8
——. Literarisches Centralblatt. 4°. 1877 1
Earle, Dr. Pliny. His Reports and Essays on the Insane. 8°. Northampton, v. y 1
Edinburgh Astronomical Observations, Vol. XIV. 4°. Edinburgh, 1877 1
Evans. C. The Second Annual Report of the Public Library of Indianapolis. 8°. Indianapolis, 1878 1
Fairchild, H. L. On the Structure of Lapidodendron and Sigillaria. 1 pamphlet.
Feuardent, G. L. The Cesnola and De Morgan Collections 1
Fish, Hon. Hamilton. Dawson's Historical Magazine, 100 Nos. 8
——. London Punch, 800 Nos 20
——. Pamphlets (500), various 100
——. Political Documents 215
Flint, Weston. Catalogue of the Library of the U. S. Patent Office. 8°. Washington, 1878 1
Flügel, Prof. Jahresbericht u. die Verwaltung des Medicinalwesens, etc. 8°. Frankfort, 1878 1
——. 15ter and 16ter Bericht ü. d. Thätigkeit des Offenbacher Vereins für Naturkunde. 8°. Offenbach, 1878 1
Folio (The) for 1878. 4°. Boston, 1878 1
Folsom, Charles F. The Ninth Annual Report of the Massachusetts State Board of Health. 8°. Boston, 1878 1

Volumes.

Francis, Rev. S. W. His Memoir of the Life Services of the Rev. E. P. Wells. 8°. Newport, 1878 1
Frowde, Henry. The Holy Bible (Caxton's Memorial Bible). 8°. Oxford, 1877 1
Fuckel, L. Symbolae Mycologicae. 8°. Wiesbaden, 1877 1
Gilman, M. D. Proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society, Oct., 1878. 8°. Montpelier, 1878 1
Gould, Benjamin A. His Annales de la Oficina Meteorologica Argentina. 4°. Buenos Aires, 1878 1
Greenwood, J. J. Sullivan's History of Land Titles in Massachusetts. 8°. Boston, 1801 1
Haldane, Oswald. The Baird Genealogy. 8°. London, 1870 1
——. Corwin Genealogy. 8°. New York, 1872 1
——. Hübner's Genealogischen Tabellen. Folio. Leipzig, 1728–1744 2
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To the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New York, and President of the Senate:

The Trustees of the Astor Library have the honor to transmit herewith their Thirty-first Annual Report, for the year ending December 31, 1879.

They respectfully request the usual number of printed copies (500) allowed by the State for the use of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

A. HAMILTON,
President.

HENRY DRISLER,
Secretary.

ASTOR LIBRARY, *January* 7, 1880.

REPORT.

The Trustees of the Astor Library, in accordance with their act of incorporation, make this their thiry-first annual report:

During the year several changes have taken place among the trustees and officers of the board.

By the death of General Dix, in April last, the board lost a member who for thirty years had given zealous and faithful services to the library; a minute expressing the sentiments of the board on this occasion is appended to this report. The vacancy caused by the death of General Dix has not yet been filled.

Mr. Langdon's protracted absence in Europe compelled the trustees to accept his resignation, and Mr. John L. Cadwalader was chosen to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Clarence King having accepted the post of Director of the United States Geological Surveys, requiring his residence in Washington, resigned as trustee, and Mr. Lewis M. Rutherford was elected in his place. One vacancy still remains to be filled, in General Dix's stead.

Mr. Lord, being about to visit Europe, resigned the post of secretary in November last, and Professor Henry Drisler was appointed secretary.

The report of the treasurer, marked "A," exhibiting the condition of the funds and securities up to the 31st of December, 1879, and the receipts and expenditures during the year, is appended.

From this report it appears that there has been expended during the past year for books, binding, catalogues, shelves and equipment, the sum of $16,995.52.

The fund for the maintenance of the library is now $421,000, and the endowment increased this year now amounts to $1,112,957.

The income of the library during the past year was $27,597.89. In consequence of the reduction in the rate of interest, the income next year will, it is estimated, be reduced by about $1,500.

The insurance on the books is $220,000, on the building $100,000.

The report of the superintendent, marked "B," is also appended, showing the additions to the library during the year by purchase

and donation, amounting to 5,869 volumes. The whole number of volumes in the library on 31st December, 1879, was 189,114.

Of the accessions, there are nearly 1,100 volumes of Orientalia—oriental history and literature—to which the attention of scholars has been much attracted of late; the next most numerous additions relate to American and British history, medicine, mechanics and music.

The total number of readers in the halls and alcoves during the past year was 59,042, a daily average of about 214. Although the number of general readers has doubled in ten years, there was a slight falling off in their number as compared with the previous year, and an increase in the alcove readers This increase, which has been generally uniform during ten years past, has shown the increasing attractions of the library for study and research, in drawing to it students not only from the city and State, but from colleges and universities in other parts of the country and even from Europe.

The trustees report that in the month of November, Mr. Astor conveyed to the library, by deed of gift, three lots of ground adjoining on the north, seventy-five feet front on Lafayette place by one hundred feet in depth, and announced his intention of erecting thereon an addition to the present library building, sixty-five feet in front by one hundred feet deep, of the same general style as the present edifice. With this addition the library will have a front of one hundred and ninety-five feet, and a depth of one hundred feet, with an increased capacity for books amounting to 120,000 volumes; besides this addition, an increase of the present building by one-half, Mr. Astor contemplates the change of the entrance (now toward one end) to the center of the building, and an improved and enlarged entrance hall that will add materially to the effect and appearance of the edifice as well as the comfort and convenience of readers.

This noble gift to the public, which marks the third great epoch in the progress of the library, was received by the trustees with feelings of the liveliest satisfaction, that were, in deference to Mr. Astor's well-known sentiments, expressed with moderation in the following minute adopted by the board:

"ASTOR LIBRARY, NEW YORK, *December* 10, 1879.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute recording the gratification of the trustees of the Astor Library in receiving from Mr. John Jacob Astor his recent important donation of additional land for a further enlargement of the library, have great pleasure, on behalf of the trustees, in returning their sincere thanks to Mr. Astor for thus enabling them largely to extend the usefulness of the library, and to carry out more completely the enlightened design of the far-seeing and generous founder.

This wise and considerate liberality, continued so nobly and uninterruptedly by his lineal descendants, well entitles them to the grateful respect of the whole community, so freely participating in the

diversified and widespread benefits of the library, now enabled more fully to keep pace with the growth of the metropolis, of which it must ever form one of the chief attractions.

SAMUEL B. RUGGLES.
HENRY DRISLER."

It is certainly a subject of congratulation to the community, that the members of one family should for three generations, and a period of thirty or forty years, have had the inclination and ability to create, maintain, and augment a library of reference for scholars and students, such as the Astor Library now is and must continue to be.

All of which is respecfully submitted.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON,
President.

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Secretary.

ASTOR LIBRARY, *January* 7, 1880.

"*A.*"

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY.

NEW YORK, *Dec.* 31*st*, 1879.

Endowment fund:		
For the site and building		$257,631 85
For the purchase of books		266,759 18
For maintenance and gradual increase		410,000 00
For equipment, steam heat, by W. B. Astor		6,545 74
		$940,936 77
Increase by surplus of income over expenditures to 31st Dec. 1878	$130,359 62	
Income of 1879 .... $27,597 89		
Less expenses 14,272 07		
	13,325 82	
Total increase		143,685 44
Donation from J. J. Astor, cash		165 21
Donation from J. J. Astor, land		24,000 00
Donation from United States Sanitary Commission, being the balance in hands of commission and donated to the library in consideration of the trustees assuming the perpetual care of the books and papers of the commission		4,304 58
		$1,113,092 00
Less loss on 15,000 United States 5-20's purchased July, 1868, and paid in July last		135 00
Total fund Dec. 31st, 1879		$1,112,957 00
Invested as follows, viz.:		
Cost of site and building	$281,852 84	
Cost of equipment	35,575 06	
Cost of books	346,887 15	
Cost of catalogues	14,458 81	
Outlay	$678,773 86	
In securities on hand, viz.:		
New York city 7 per cent stock	7,500 00	
Carried forward	$686,273 86	

Brought forward	$686,273 86	
Louisville and Nashville railroad 7's, held by directions of the donor of the fund	4,000 00	
Bonds and mortgages.....	410,000 00	
On deposit New York Life & Trust Company.....	6,000 00	
On deposit United States Trust Co.	4,000 00	
On deposit Gallatin N. Bank.....	2,683 14	
		$1,112,957 00
The income of the year received is		$27,597 89
And from the following sources, viz.:		
Interest on bonds and mortgages..	$25,334 73	
Interest on New York city stock..	525 00	
Interest on Louisville and Nashville railroad 7's.....	140 00	
Interest on United States 5-20's...	907 40	
Interest on Trust Company deposits	858 26	
	$27,765 39	
Less premium paid on Louisville and Nashville railroad 7's.....	167 50	
		$27,597 89
And expended for		
Salaries	$11,099 79	
Expenses	879 17	
Cleaning	160 43	
Repairs.....	201 68	
Fuel	254 00	
Insurance.....	1,275 00	
Arranging sanitary com. books and papers.....	402 00	14,272 07
Surplus		$13,325 82

Of the whole accumulation of income to date, $148,155.23, there has been expended toward the

Cost of building.....	$220 99	
Cost of equipment.....	28,237 48	
Cost of books and catalogues	103,013 62	
	$131,472 09	
And there is on deposit in bank and trust companies.....	12,683 14	
And in Louisville and Nashville railroad 7's	4,000 00	
		$148,155 23

During the year the treasurer has received

Payment of bond of Brien & Adams		$12,000 00
Payment of bond of Phebe A. Fordham		4,500 00
Payment of bond of Phebe A. Fordham		1,000 00
Payment of bond of Geo. Hoffman		9,000 00
Payment of bond of Wm. E. Keys		6,500 00
Payment of United States 5-20's		15,000 00
In Trust Company uninvested at last report		7,000 00
		$55,000 00
And reinvested in bond and mortgage of Maria and Wm. Fitch, 547 Madison ave	$15,000 00	
Rose Fox and others, 503 Eighth ave	15,000 00	
Cornelius M. Finch, 134 East 13th st.	6,000 00	
M'chl. J. Gilhooly, 113 Nassau st.	5,000 00	
Oliver A. Jarvis, 111 West 47th st.	2,000 00	
D. Ringen, 294 3d ave	12,000 00	
		55,000 00

The income for the year 1880 may be estimated as follows, viz.:

Bonds and mortgages twelve months, $385,500, at 6 per cent.	$23,130 00	
Bonds and mortgages twelve months, $24,500, at 7 per cent.	1,715 00	
4,000 Louisville and Nashville R. R. 7's	280 00	
7,500 New York city 7's	525 00	
Int. on Trust Co. deposits estimated	300 00	
		$25,950 00

The insurance is

On books	$220,000 00
On building	100,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. ASTOR,

Treasurer.

"*B.*"

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

The superintendent has the honor to make the following report for the year 1879, to the trustees of the Astor Library:

The building has required no repairs of any consequence during the year. Some slight inconveniences, such as the lack of direct communication between the halls at the east end, can easily be removed when a third hall is built. And at some future time the ground floor may be made extremely useful by clearing away the eastern projections so as to admit light and air, and by rearranging the interior.

The arrangement of books in the library is outgrown, some branches crowding out others, and kindred things being often widely severed. This is particularly unfortunate in a library where alcove students form a characteristic feature. It makes it more difficult, too, for the librarian to be familiar with his resources, and for the superintendent to see what is most wanted for purchase. With a third hall everything would fall into line, and perhaps the general scheme might be brought into closer conformity with reason. Like most library classification, the system of Brunet, which Dr. Cogswell adopted, is somewhat arbitrary; but it must be confessed, the question is one of practical convenience as well as of theory, and even in theory we are not likely to have a final classification until we have a final philosophy.

Two thousand three hundred and thirty-one volumes have been bound during the year. This unusual expense was owing to the large number of books in paper covers, found throughout the library, some of them of old date. At present no book is put upon the shelves until it is in proper condition for use. Our foreign books are bound abroad, and the experiment has been tried of sending a thousand volumes already in the library to Mr. Stevens in London, where they have been strongly and handsomely bound for a price including commissions and transportation, materially less than the same sort of work would have cost in New York. Our current binding is done here, and latterly for the most part through the agency of Mr. Stechert. The work is entirely satisfactory, and the cost not above market prices. At some future time, a binder's shop on the premises will be desirable for repairs if for nothing more. Even if done by the job, the advantage of having the work under our hand would be fully equivalent to the rent.

The number of readers in the halls, and the number of books read there, for the last ten years, have been as follows:

1870	25,707	readers, and	78,935	books.
1871	25,529	"	92,023	"
1872	26,644	"	111,317	"
1873	29,438	"	116,694	"
1874	34,854	"	127,579	"
1875	36,735	"	135,065	"
1876	42,178	"	143,545	"
1877	52,279	"	156,091	"
1878	53,252	"	144,968	"
1879	51,725	"	147,112	"

Thus in ten years the figures have very nearly doubled. During the same period the number of admissions to study in the alcoves has been as follows:

1870	5,204
1871	5,380
1872	5,915
1873	6,518
1874	6,838
1875	5,871
1876	5,675
1877	6,342
1878	7,094
1879	7,317

It may be remarked that the largest number of books read in hall was in 1877; the largest number of general readers, in 1878; and the largest number of special students, in 1879. The privilege of study in the alcoves is made as much as possible a matter of rule rather than of favor, every new applicant being required to file a letter vouching for him, either from one of the trustees of the library or from some other prominent citizen, and then to explain the nature of his researches sufficiently to show that they require free access to the books. On compliance with these conditions, a table and chair are put at his disposal in some convenient alcove, for a time proportionate to his work. The character of the books read in hall, and of the investigations pursued in alcove, may be seen by tables annexed to this report. Of course the visitors it is desirable to encourage, are those who use the library for some definite purpose of culture or enlightenment, and not for the indulgence of an idle habit of intemperate and promiscuous reading.

The card catalogue continues to be kept up by the sub-librarian, assisted by the curator of patents. The inventory or author branch is threefold, one in each hall for the use of the officers, and a third near the entrance for the use of the public. A title card is made for every accession, and copied three times. A copy is put in each of the author catalogues, and the original in the index or subject branch, under the head to which the book chiefly relates. The subject catalogue is open to the public. Cross references are made where mani-

festly required, but nothing like the elaborate index at Harvard college can be attempted at present. Without reference to the question whether manuscript cards are the best permanent form for a catalogue, there can be no doubt that in some form a good index to a library, extending not only to books but to important parts of books, doubles the practical value of the collection.

The experiment of furnishing the public with a printed list of 150 periodicals and serials, and allowing the current numbers to be called for, has worked perfectly well. This year 200 will be made available, the selection corresponding to the character of the library. Mr. Astor's gift of $10,000 for recent books has been expended, and the result appears for the most part in our quarterly bulletins from October, 1878, to July, 1879, the principal omission being a selection of recent Italian literature which arrived too late for the July issue. Among the other purchases are a number of books relating to music, including dictionaries, works of theory and criticism, history and biography, thematic catalogues and some of the more important scores, especially those edited by the German Handel and Palestrina societies and by Robert Franz. The publications of the Bach society were already here. Our thanks are due to Dr. Damrosch, Mr. Hassard, and Professor Ritter, who have kindly taken an interest in this collection.

Since the expenditure of our special fund, renewed attention has been paid to the acquisition of valuable public documents, many of which may be had for the asking. The coast survey, the hydrographic office, and the Washington observatory, continue to send us their productions. General Myer has presented a full set of the publications of the weather bureau, and sends the current issues. The professional papers of the corps of engineers, and the ordnance memoranda, have been supplied as far as practicable by the officers at the head of those departments; and the Surgeon-General has completed our set of his circulars, some of which are large books. The Smithsonian collections and contributions have been filled up, as well as the reports of the most important scientific surveys in the Territories and the States. Sets of local reports concerning health, education, and other matters of public interest, have been obtained from some of the principal States and cities.

The Department of Justice at Washington is assisting us to make up a set of the opinions of the Attorneys-General, only two of the fourteen volumes having been found in the library. The Supreme Court Reports have been completed, and the Statutes at Large. The latest edition of the Revised Statutes has been added, and the British Revised Statutes in fifteen volumes. The Congressional Record and Hansard's Debates, which were brought down to date a year ago, have been continued, also the Congressional Documents and the Parliamentary Papers or Blue Books. We receive the American, British, and French Specifications of Patents, and have changed the binding of the French so that the plates, which were formerly folded in with the text and soon damaged, now come flat, in volumes by themselves. We have completed the Statistique

de la France, including the monetary enquêtes, some of which were presented by the Hon. Samuel B. Ruggles, and have obtained a full set of Dr. Engel's well known works upon Prussian statistics. And the Italian Government, at the instance of Professor Botta, has presented all their statistical publications, which rank very high. Thirty-four volumes are on the way, and we receive the current issues by post.

From the Dominion of Canada we have a regular supply of public documents. We are indebted to Lord Cranbrook for a large collection of government publications concerning India, including the Indian atlas as far as issued, and the very interesting results of the geological and archæological surveys, and the favor is to be continued. We have received a similar gift from the Colonial government of New South Wales. A valuable book upon the Aborigines of Victoria, presented by Sir Redmond Barry, is on the way; also a collection of documents from New Zealand. Finally, the Japanese government has had the courtesy to select for us a representation of their national literature, embracing standard works of poetry and fiction, history and geography, language and religion, together with an assortment of ornamental designs.

In all, 3,356 volumes have been bought during the year, and 2,513 received by gift. A table showing the subjects to which all of these accessions relate is annexed to this report, also the customary list of donations in the order of the donors' names. The number of books reported in the library for the last ten years is as follows:

At the end of	1870	140,558
"	1871	141,803
"	1872	144,178
"	1873	147,640
"	1874	150,306
"	1875	152,446
"	1876	165,854
"	1877	177,387
"	1878	183,245
"	1879	189,114

Not being a circulating library, it has no duplicates; and not being a universal depository, it has very little chaff. As a comprehensive collection of the older authorities, it may fairly claim to be the best in America. As regards more recent works it is fortunate enough to have rivals that compel it to look well to the character of its accessions if it would maintain its rank.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBBINS LITTLE, *Superintendent.*

THE ASTOR LIBRARY, *January*, 1880.

APPENDIX

TO THE

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

I. Table showing the number of readers, and books read in the halls of the library.

II. Table showing the number of alcove readers, and the character of their studies.

III. Table showing the number and character of the accessions to the library.

IV. List of accessions by donation in the order of the donors' names.

I.

TABLE showing the number of readers and books read in the halls of the Library in 1879.

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Volumes given out.
Agriculture	28	45	27	22	10	12	12	31	43	9	59	298
Anthropology	4	6	6	11	16	7	2	....	8	3	18	81
Archæology	12	13	14	21	18	6	8	118	28	24	24	286
Architecture	98	180	63	73	150	44	65	65	104	114	99	955
Art of War	21	16	42	38	5	7	18	44	9	9	6	215
Astronomy	10	38	58	20	47	34	5	17	16	15	27	287
Bibliography, etc.	1,142	1,015	1,371	491	450	260	543	194	186	68	220	5,940
Biology	1	....	....	....	....	9	12	49	92	17	34	214
Botany	100	126	50	210	72	97	85	83	50	104	353	1,230
Building-Construction	18	34	26	33	5	10	18	20	29	48	109	350
Chemistry and Physics	421	322	367	443	396	292	312	417	469	195	449	4,085
Commerce and Banking	20	....	1	3	9	8	8	97	160	166	134	606
Conchology	...	....	....	3	6	3	3	9	1	...	5	30
Domestic Economy	66	169	56	26	23	30	51	38	37	39	45	480
Ecclesiastical History	299	207	376	212	169	133	206	362	139	193	106	2,402
Education	48	147	108	72	58	27	41	61	70	47	201	780
Encyclopedias	631	1,083	977	507	595	510	279	372	408	342	509	6,143
Ethics	10	....	...	1	...	1	12	14	15	26	12	91
Ethnology	32	...	...	27	12	3	10	29	....	25	21	159
Fine Arts	532	282	537	397	316	210	257	413	362	251	399	3,956
Freemasonry	1	....	3	....	....	1	18	2	6	5	2	38
General Science	217	286	212	131	150	109	136	364	253	406	259	2,473
Geography	75	103	100	99	113	58	63	116	114	130	205	1,176
Geology and Paleontology	18	35	18	19	62	14	12	47	62	47	54	388
Horticulture	....	4	....	3	....	12	14	22	13	28	13	109
Industrial Arts	6	1	8	3	....	11	5	152	107	311	45	649
Jurisprudence	257	322	264	244	259	400	118	295	412	389	324	3,284
Logic	...	7	7	17	12	14	3	26	13	12	51	162
Mathematics	107	184	101	66	96	121	97	172	140	84	96	1,164
Mechanics and Engineering	158	145	140	118	113	81	98	63	184	301	117	1,518
Medicine and Surgery	436	356	480	354	453	358	124	572	688	405	468	4,689
Metallurgy	26	12	40	12	14	10	12	11	3	2	10	152
Metaphysics	212	144	151	83	75	59	98	32	47	41	35	877
Mining and Mineralogy	28	28	70	11	10	27	27	30	25	10	77	343
Music	187	217	159	169	153	69	113	67	144	75	110	1,462
Mythology	53	14	32	16	6	15	25	15	8	4	33	220
Natural History—General	285	212	143	182	164	124	132	200	291	118	228	1,979

Natural Law	9	....	2	....	....	8	12	16	11	4	8	64
Natural Philosophy	53	38	43	14	....	5	20	33	50	46	98	333
Navigation	6	32	21	20	2	3	6	30	11	6	16	153
Occult Science	12	28	41	23	37	42	27	35	57	44	95	441
Photography	...	...	4	....	...	...	3	2	...	9	14	33
Political Economy	36	91	87	142	85	33	22	37	67	70	32	702
Social Science	44	24	29	42	47	35	18	166	147	107	132	761
Sports and Pastimes	24	30	34	62	74	25	27	54	33	60	63	486
Statistics, General	2	...	7	38	8	6	12	23	9	56	1	163
Telegraphy	10	10	2	14	10	29	10	19	18	22	43	186
Theology	99	139	85	129	127	75	75	305	495	506	396	2,231
Transactions, American	163	28	20	14	...	....	85	....	28	10	34	383
Transactions, British	27	11	21	18	....	...	18	6	4	4	41	150
Transactions, European	12	30	16	....	....	....	10	107	6	28	212	421
Useful Arts	99	115	94	166	150	77	48	57	57	9	22	894
Zoology	42	46	14	6	5	....	20	....	6	...	3	142
Total of Volumes	5,996	5,925	6,526	4,825	4,514	3,522	3,404	5,508	5,735	4,846	6,090	56,891
Total of readers in the hall	2,341	2,441	2,805	2,147	2,411	1,592	1,352	1,922	2,080	1,750	2,097	22,988
Total of readers in department of patents	427	403	503	406	395	318	265	354	412	343	287	4,113
Total of alcove readers	105	99	101	69	50	49	52	114	135	91	144	1,009
Total of hall, patents and alcove readers	2,873	2,943	3,409	2,622	2,856	1,959	1,669	2,390	2,627	2,184	2,528	28,060

I.—*TABLE showing the number of readers, etc.—Continued.*

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND LITERATURE.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Volumes given out.
Biography	64	22	88	18	13	9	24	17	27	30	63	375
Chronology	28	13	41	4	4	10	66	76	112	9	8	371
Documents—British	60	44	4	3	16	16	17	27	4	6	17	214
Documents—United States	128	181	226	69	140	222	133	115	114	153	216	1,757
Elocution and Rhetoric	32	35	19	8	47	62	22	43	18	4	67	337
Heraldry and Genealogy	795	423	656	343	355	604	345	591	560	538	452	5,662
History, American; Canada—(Dominion)	8	20	35	7	....	19	8	6	9	16	4	132
History, American; Central America	1	3	12	6	1	6	6	11	16	....	16	78
History, American; Indians	5	17	3	24	22	15	16	7	7	36	14	166
History, American; Mexico	33	27	17	19	10	41	30	16	55	9	18	275
History, American; South America	34	52	20	52	....	16	64	21	138	92	55	544
History, American; United States	902	830	890	801	921	858	491	866	896	1,088	1,373	9,916
History, American; West Indies	47	35	52	20	28	33	41	26	69	18	43	412
History, Ancient	168	217	156	105	161	158	114	145	209	182	250	1,865
History, Belgian	....	32	..	...	5	6	...	13	2	2	3	63
History, British	826	754	919	469	342	377	380	513	479	426	393	5,878
History, Danubian Principalities	2	....	7	...	6	...	....	...	....	....	18	33
History, French	373	300	571	398	388	336	401	304	363	153	308	3,890
History, General	278	215	348	168	69	103	44	102	85	81	81	1,574
History, German	54	58	139	63	35	91	41	84	52	19	129	765
History, Greek (Modern)	....	..	....	....	5	3	....	2	....	....	..	10
History, Italian	21	50	63	6	25	37	17	19	25	11	4	278
History, Netherland	41	19	27	12	45	42	2	14	44	24	34	204
History, Oriental	52	9	167	83	34	58	40	21	44	37	29	574
History, Portuguese	4	....	....	...	1	2	....	....	....	...	16	23
History, Russian	61	201	143	155	23	9	30	9	52	18	43	744
History, Scandinavian	10	..	18	3	4	....	10	21	21	5	17	109
History, Spanish	20	41	75	44	19	5	17	23	29	15	45	393
History, Swiss	2	....	3	3	....	..	....	1	2	..	8	19
Inscriptions and Numismatics	11	49	56	24	26	27	11	56	24	5	22	311
Literary History	32	23	91	32	33	36	12	53	34	63	60	469
Literature, American	768	880	1,048	750	527	561	419	620	651	416	526	7,166
Literature, Classical	652	619	643	495	748	587	352	564	752	655	728	6,795
Literature, English	1,939	2,510	3,746	1,588	1,325	1,167	960	1,065	1,290	1,164	1,480	18,234
Literature, French	630	689	1,008	610	629	359	388	504	432	202	349	5,885
Literature, German	380	271	434	364	199	206	292	516	246	377	442	3,727
Literature, Italian	39	51	72	40	53	21	50	55	43	92	84	600
Literature, Netherland	7	1	..	....	6	2	...	....	....	....	2	18
Literature, Oriental	15	15	71	142	39	50	36	89	22	61	57	597
Literature, Portuguese	5	....	....	....	7	2	....	...	....	6	24	44

Literature, Russian	....	...	3	5	28	39	1	5	34	48	50	213
Literature, Scandinavian	17	15	30	14	20	3	21	36	70	39	208	473
Literature, Spanish	73	183	114	20	107	21	61	46	86	18	35	763
Manners and Customs	30	107	129	78	24	11	14	50	48	98	55	644
Orientalia	107	100	213	195	30	19	8	110	78	38	70	962
Palæography	....	....	....	....	10	....	....	6	2	....	1	19
Philology and Linguistics	510	564	455	392	308	290	190	333	441	459	527	4,469
Voyages and Travels—Africa	45	28	44	51	39	17	17	64	48	12	28	403
Voyages and Travels—Arctic	2	4	1	7	18	2	10	9	....	9	....	63
Voyages and Travels—Asia	24	16	27	70	16	30	32	15	35	8	7	280
Voyages and Travels—Europe	27	37	86	38	22	94	35	19	48	48	38	499
Voyages and Travels—General	50	108	94	19	5	33	20	38	37	10	32	441
Voyages and Travels—N. America	17	21	12	17	47	27	29	15	13	....	33	231
Voyages and Travels—Oceanica	35	18	4	28	10	19	4	12	20	8	1	159
Voyages and Travels—S. America	2	6	4	4	13	....	6	18	4	4	5	66
Voyages and Travels—West Indies and Central America	....	5	....	....	10	4	...	....	2	....	5	26
Total of volumes	9,465	9,928	13,089	7,866	7,018	6,765	5,327	7,386	7,887	6,902	8,588	90,221
Total of readers in the hall	2,908	3,046	3,859	2,799	2,517	2,207	1,716	2,345	2,672	2,100	2,618	28,787
Total of alcove readers	177	204	281	207	201	211	126	192	234	185	177	2,195
Total of hall and alcove readers	3,085	3,250	4,140	3,006	2,718	2,418	1,842	2,537	2,906	2,285	2,795	30,982

Total of volumes read in both halls	147,112
Total of readers in both halls	51,725
Total of alcove readers, including readers in patents	7,317
	59,042

II.

TABLE showing the number of Alcove readers, and the character of their studies in the year 1879 :

	Admissions.
Agriculture	11
Archæology	10
Architecture	18
Art of War	6
Astronomy	6
Bibliography	26
Biology	7
Botany	28
Building-Construction	3
Chemistry and Physics	62
Commerce and Banking	25
Domestic Economy	2
Ecclesiastical History	28
Education	25
Encyclopedias	25
Ethics	1
Ethnology	1
Fine Arts	50
Freemasonry	8
General Science	77
Geography	26
Geology and Palæontology	9
Horticulture	2
Industrial Arts	13
Jurisprudence	79
Mathematics	16
Mechanics and Engineering	56
Medicine and Surgery	72
Metaphysics	40
Mining and Mineralogy	5
Music	22
Natural History — General	30
Natural Law	8
Natural Philosophy	2
Navigation	4
Occult Science	4
Patents	4,113
Political Economy	27
Social Science	19
Sports and Pastimes	6
Statistics, General	6
Telegraphy	2
Theology	116
Transactions, American	12

	Admissions.
Transactions, British	7
Transactions, European	7

Biography	5
Chronology	4
Documents — British	10
Documents — United States	2
Heraldry and Genealogy	105
History, American; Canada — (Dominion.)	2
History, American; Central America	11
History, American; Indians	33
History, American; Mexico	46
History, American; South America	47
History, American; United States	551
History, American; West Indies	23
History, Ancient	132
History, British	191
History, French	161
History, General	5
History, German	11
History, Italian	7
History, Netherland	2
History, Oriental	14
History, Russian	1
History, Scandinavian	3
History, Spanish	3
History, Swiss	1
Inscriptions and Numismatics	18
Literary History	4
Literature, American	77
Literature, Classical	27
Literature, English	410
Literature, French	79
Literature, German	6
Literature, Oriental	12
Manners and Customs	2
Orientalia	57
Philology and Linguistics	111
Voyages and Travels — Africa	4
Voyages and Travels — Arctic	1
Voyages and Travels — Asia	1
Voyages and Travels — Europe	13
Voyages and Travels — General	1
Total	7,317

III.

TABLE showing the number and character of the accessions to the Library in 1879.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART:

	Volumes.
Agriculture	42
Anthropology	28
Archæology	65
Architecture	29
Art of War	19
Astronomy	50
Bibliography	141
Biology	10
Botany	30
Building-Construction	3
Chemistry and Physics	137
Commerce and Banking	47
Conchology	1
Domestic Economy	3
Ecclesiastical History	77
Education	124
Encyclopedias	3
Ethics	10
Ethnology	8
Fine Arts	61
Freemasonry	8
General Science	25
Geography	167
Geology and Palæontology	100
Horticulture	36
Industrial Arts	20
Jurisprudence	131
Logic	9
Mathematics	16
Mechanics and Engineering	44
Medicine and Surgery	236
Metallurgy	2
Metaphysics	26
Mining and Mineralogy	35
Music	280
Mythology	32
Natural History — General	85
Natural Law	12
Natural Philosophy	5
Navigation	11
Occult Science	2
Patents	121
Photography	4

	Volumes.
Political Economy	15
Social Science	55
Sports and Pastimes	7
Statistics, General	34
Telegraphy	9
Theology	122
Transactions, American	8
Transactions, British	22
Transactions, European	89
Useful Arts	7
Zoölogy	12
	2,675

In the Department of History and Literature:

Biography	15
Chronology	10
Documents — United States	91
Elocution and Rhetoric	6
Heraldry and Genealogy	6
History, American; Canada — (Dominion)	18
History, American; Central America	5
History, American; Indians	4
History, American; Mexico	2
History, American; South America	22
History, American; United States	515
History, American; West Indies	2
History, Ancient	27
History, Belgian	6
History, British	133
History, Danubian Principalities	6
History, French	99
History, General	39
History, German	42
History, Greek (Modern)	9
History, Italian	31
History, Netherland	20
History, Oriental	219
History, Portuguese	3
History, Russian	15
History, Scandinavian	8
History, Spanish	21
History, Swiss	3
Inscriptions and Numismatics	23
Literary History	15
Literature, American	39
Literature, Classical	78
Literature, English	241

	Volumes.
Literature, French	53
Literature, German	89
Literature, Italian	51
Literature, Netherland	12
Literature, Oriental	770
Literature, Portuguese	6
Literature, Russian	6
Literature, Scandinavian	13
Literature, Spanish	3
Manners and Customs	8
Orientalia	100
Palæography	8
Philology and Linguistics	216
Voyages and Travels — Africa	14
Voyages and Travels — Arctic	3
Voyages and Travels — Asia	17
Voyages and Travels — Europe	8
Voyages and Travels — General	13
Voyages and Travels — North America	8
Voyages and Travels — Oceanica	20
Voyages and Travels — South America	2
Voyages and Travels — West Indies and Central America	1
	3,194

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In the Department of Science and Art	2,675
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Total	5,869

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OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ASTOR LIBRARY.

To the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor
of the State of New York and President of the Senate:

The Trustees of the Astor Library have the honor to transmit herewith their Thirty-second Annual Report, for the year ending December 31, 1880.

They respectfully request the usual number of printed copies (500) allowed by the State for the use of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

A. HAMILTON,
President.

HENRY DRISLER,
Secretary.

THE ASTOR LIBRARY, *January* 5, 1881.

1881, April 22,
By mail.

REPORT.

The Trustees of the Astor Library in accordance with their act of incorporation make this their thirty-second annual report:

During the year no changes have taken place among the trustees and officers of the board; one vacancy remains to be filled in place of General Dix.

The report of the treasurer, marked "A," exhibiting the condition of the funds and securities up to the 31st of December, 1880, and the receipts and expenditures during the year, is appended.

From this report it appears that there has been expended during the past year for books, binding, catalogues, shelves and equipment the sum of $10,508.49.

The fund for the maintenance of the library is now $421,500, and the endowment amounts to $1,125,137.20.

The income of the library during the past year was $26,739.11. The reduction in the rate of interest, and consequent falling off of income, referred to in the last report and estimated therein at $1,500, has actually been $858.78.

The insurance on the books is $220,000, on the building $100,000.

The report of the superintendent, marked "B," is also appended, showing the additions to the library during the year by purchase and donation amounting to 3,433 volumes, exclusive of pamphlets. The whole number of volumes in the library on 31st of December, 1880, was 192,547.

There has been a falling off in the number of general readers as compared with two or three previous years, but a steady general advance for a series of years. In 1871, the general readers numbered 25,529; in 1880, they numbered 45,670. The students and scholars making special researches and admitted to the alcoves have increased more uniformly, numbering 5,380 for 1871, and 7,961 in 1880.

While there has been a gratifying increase in the number of libraries throughout the United States they have all, as a rule, more

or less of a special character, while the Astor Library has a position of its own, as a library for general use and to encourage higher researches and improvement in superior instruction.

Among the accessions is a collection of seven or eight hundred volumes and pamphlets Temp. Charles 1st acquired by Mr. Astor in England last summer and presented to the library. The publications of the Institute of Archæological Correspondence at Rome, the Documents inédits sur l'histoire de France, sets of several scientific serials, and Migne's Patrologia Græca have also been completed. A gift to the library of copies in marble of twenty-four ancient busts with pedestals made in Italy and now on their way to New York, has been made by Mr. Delano. When the addition to the library is opened to the public, these busts will be placed in the halls of the library, and will add materially to their interest and attractions.

In their last annual report the trustees referred to Mr. Astor's gift to the library of land adjoining on the north, and the proposed erection by him of an additional building — sixty-five feet in front by one hundred feet in depth. This building of the most solid and substantial character has been completed externally and roofed. The front is similar in style and character to the rest of the library. During the winter, work on the interior will be carried on, and in the month of June next, it is proposed to make the connections with the existing library, and to erect the new and enlarged entrance hall in the center of the building.

These alterations will compel the closing of the library for a longer period than usual, extending perhaps to the month of October, 1881, when the library will be again opened to the public, much enlarged and improved and offering greater facilities for readers and students.

The continuation of the alphabetical catalogue of Dr. Cogswell from the close of 1860, at which it ended, down to the end of 1880, is now in the course of preparation, and it is expected that it will be well advanced if not completed when the library is reopened in the autumn of 1881.

All which is respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER HAMILTON,
President.

HENRY DRISLER,
Secretary.

THE ASTOR LIBRARY, *January* 5, 1881.

A.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

NEW YORK, *December* 31, 1880.

Endowment fund:		
For the site and building		$281,631 85
For the purchase of books		266,759 18
For maintenance and gradual increase		410,000 00
For equipment, steam heat, by W. B. Astor		6,545 74
		$964,936 77
Increase by surplus of income over expenditures to Dec. 31, 1879	$148,020 23	
Income of 1880 $26,739 11		
Less expenses 14,558 91		
	12,180 20	
Total increase		160,200 43
Total fund December 31, 1880		$1,125,137 20
Invested as follows, viz.:		
Cost of site and building	$281,852 84	
Cost of equipment	35,575 06	
Cost of books	357,395 64	
Cost of catalogues	14,458 81	
Outlay	$689,282 35	
In securities on hand, viz.:		
New York city 7 per cent stock	7,500 00	
Louisville and Nashville railroad 7's, held by direction of the donor of the fund	4,000 00	
Bonds and mortgages	410,000 00	
On deposit in New York Life & Trust Company	6,000 00	
On deposit in United States Trust Company	4,000 00	
On deposit in Gallatin Nat. Bank	4,354 85	
		1,125,137 20
The income of the year received is		$26,739 11

And from the following sources:		
Interest on bonds and mortgages ..	$25,497 75	
Interest on New York city stock....	525 00	
Interest on Louisville and Nashville railroad bonds.....	280 00	
Interest on Trust Company deposits,	436 36	
		$26,739 11
And expended for		
Salaries	$11,508 34	
Expenses	960 51	
Repairs.....	46 00	
Fuel.....	439 50	
Cleaning	329 56	
Insurance...	1,275 00	
		14,558 91
Surplus.....		$12,180 20

Of the whole accumulation of income to date, $160,200.43, there has been expended toward

Cost of building	$220 99	
Cost of equipment..... ...	28,237 48	
Cost of books and catalogues.....	113,387 11	
	$141,845 58	
And there is on deposit in banks and trust companies.....	14,354 85	
And in Louisville and Nashville railroads bonds.....	4,000 00	
		$160,200 43

During the year the treasurer has received payment of bonds of

Isaac Hochster	$5,000 00	
Elias Hyams..... ...	5,000 00	
Fred. Marx.....	7,000 00	
W. E. Airey.....	6,000 00	
D. Lord, Jr.....	10,000 00	
	$33,000 00	
And reinvested in bonds and mortgages of Wm. Morrow, 462 Eighth avenue.....		$5,000 00
Mary A. Dowley and Rose J. Brophy, 21 Prince street		5,000 00
Oliver A. Jarvis, additional, 111 West 47th street..		2,000 00
Charles B. Bulling, Nos. 1,094, 1,098 Second avenue and 302 East 52d street.....		21,000 00
		$33,000 00

The income for the year 1881 will probably be from $24,000 to $25,000. Owing to the uncertainty as to the rate of interest to be obtained on bonds and mortgages, it is impossible to do more than estimate the amount.

The amount of insurance is unchanged.

On books.....	$220,000 00
On building.....	100,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. ASTOR,

Treasurer.

B.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

The superintendent has the honor to make the following report for the year 1880, to the trustees of the Astor Library:

No change has taken place in the interior of the building, except the opening of direct communication between the halls near the east end, which has added greatly to the convenience of the service. Two thousand six hundred and ninety-six volumes have been bound and repaired during the year, not including books bought abroad and bound before shipment. Last summer one hundred and nine volumes of French patents were sent to Paris for rebinding to save the plates, which being unmounted and folded in with the text, were fast going to pieces. The plates are now flat in volumes by themselves, and future issues are to come in that condition.

The hour for opening the library has been fixed at nine o'clock. The hour for closing is five in summer, and four during the short days of winter. The number of readers in the halls, and the number of books read there, for the last ten years have been as follows:

1871	25,529	readers, and		92,023	books.
1872	26,644	"		111,317	"
1873	29,438	"		116,694	"
1874	34,854	"		127,579	"
1875	36,735	"		135,065	"
1876	42,178	"		143,545	"
1877	52,279	"		156,091	"
1878	53,252	"		144,968	"
1879	51,725	"		147,112	"
1880	45,670	"		146,136	"

During the same period the number of admissions to study in the alcoves has been as follows:

1871	5,380
1872	5,915
1873	6,518
1874	6,838
1875	5,871
1876	5,675
1877	6,342
1878	7,094
1879	7,313
1880	7,961

The falling off in the number of general readers may be owing in part to the revival of business, and in part to the limitation of our purchases of late to the completion of valuable sets, and the assistance of persons engaged in special researches.

The trustees having authorized the continuation of Dr. Cogswell's main catalogue, in a second alphabet to contain the accessions of the last twenty years, the card catalogue was closed at the end of 1880, and a fresh one will be started for future accessions. The material is in active preparation for the press. In this work as in the other departments of the library the service is cheerful and creditable.

Among our purchases have been a complete set of the publications of the Institute of Archæological Correspondence at Rome, except some of the early volumes which we had; a similar set of the Documents inédits sur l'histoire de France; the back volumes of several scientific serials, and fifty-two tomes of Migne's Patrologia Græca, completing our set. The principal gift has been a rare and interesting collection of seventeen century tracts, made by the late Hepworth Dixon, and presented by Mr. Astor. Two thousand and seventeen volumes have been bought during the year, and one thousand four hundred and sixteen received by gift. A table showing the subjects to which the accessions relate is annexed to this report, also the customary list of donations in the order of the donors' names.

The number of books reported in the library for the last ten years is as follows:

At the end of	1871	141,803
"	1872	144,178
"	1873	147,640
"	1874	150,306
"	1875	152,446
"	1876	165,854
"	1877	177,387
"	1878	183,245
"	1879	189,114
"	1880	192,547

The excellent public libraries that have grown up in many places (though not yet in New York) from the same impulse as the common school system, and supported in the same way, are from the nature of the case primarily popular. Our college libraries are primarily for reference in connection with the ordinary work of the college. Even the library of congress is primarily what its name imports. But this library occupies a peculiarly independent position as a library for general use without any such special character. In this respect it has more resemblance to the national libraries of other countries, an important function of which is understood to be, to encourage high studies and assist in the reform of superior instruction. Of course, for such purposes, a library should present

not only digested and long accepted results, but the sciences in process of growth, and, as far as may be, the actual sources. As this library becomes more complete, and is kept closer to the advance of intelligence, its use in aid of research, which has always been considerable, will naturally become more general and satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBBINS LITTLE,

Superintendent.

THE ASTOR LIBRARY, *January*, 1881.

APPENDIX

TO THE

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

I. Table showing the number of readers, and books read in the halls of the library.

II. Table showing the number of alcove readers, and the character of their studies.

III. Table showing the number and character of the accessions to the library.

IV. List of accessions by donation in the order of the donors' names.

I.

TABLE showing the number of readers and books read in the halls of the Library in 1880.

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Septemb'r	October.	November	December	Volumes given out
Agriculture	117	12	18	22	17	39	55	27	33	17	38	395
Anthropology	4	13	4	5	40	3	39	20	9	3	12	152
Archæology	31	57	47	41	9	14	71	35	92	35	73	505
Architecture	56	31	45	39	63	28	51	29	332	188	257	1,169
Art of War	19	12	19	12	3	30	52	73	13	20	69	322
Astronomy	109	42	14	36	41	18	50	87	39	48	128	612
Bibliography	479	459	346	238	111	135	62	148	229	141	211	2,559
Biology	45	14	16	37	30	7	49	25	26	3	33	285
Botany	199	106	153	287	88	202	64	60	114	102	124	1,499
Building-Construction	36	145	62	44	44	127	34	28	15	26	18	579
Chemistry and Physics	459	389	262	304	330	479	281	227	793	479	569	4,572
Commerce and Banking	86	134	97	67	65	41	71	47	70	53	69	800
Conchology	50	26	24	11	2	....	31	12	....	2	32	190
Domestic Economy	76	39	47	40	25	32	77	59	38	25	36	494
Ecclesiastical History	149	326	148	185	95	96	94	79	71	83	122	1,443
Education	150	313	47	119	90	55	74	42	35	72	137	1,134
Encyclopedias	402	449	427	482	317	248	189	274	516	663	499	4,466
Ethics	84	10	13	19	23	9	29	21	11	2	37	258
Ethnology	1	15	40	10	28	13	54	6	..	18	19	204
Fine Arts	534	333	435	513	354	188	125	220	240	456	663	4,061
Freemasonry	5	38	24	20	39	7	30	11	11	52	28	265
General Science	69	103	100	191	144	124	87	114	178	212	312	1,634
Geography	184	178	144	172	122	80	67	88	72	94	216	1,417
Geology and Palæontology	62	30	53	61	50	60	61	54	47	93	88	659
Horticulture	2	38	16	30	53	19	37	49	9	39	29	316
Industrial Arts	102	50	181	152	91	60	149	84	157	160	265	1,451
Jurisprudence	397	216	515	354	188	173	217	147	360	409	389	3,365
Logic	30	34	20	40	34	19	26	24	44	16	82	369
Mathematics	101	81	96	90	178	86	55	61	132	82	136	1,098
Mechanics and Engineering	189	153	207	200	206	294	146	160	217	114	315	2,201
Medicine and Surgery	609	491	394	458	551	474	301	322	501	437	428	4,966
Metallurgy	14	12	17	23	15	4	46	15	25	28	63	262
Metaphysics	33	31	8	63	39	26	61	66	148	88	101	674
Mining and Mineralogy	60	106	100	58	44	70	83	41	27	82	78	749
Music	68	30	51	87	86	94	103	110	127	196	236	1,183
Mythology	40	28	28	26	28	8	57	54	92	51	169	581
Natural History—General	224	254	178	167	170	156	116	116	202	135	310	2,028

Natural Law	6	7	13	26	5	11	11	30	2	8	10	129
Natural Philosophy	68	51	11	13	19	18	65	44	3	16	12	320
Navigation	4	15	11	64	40	32	34	42	16	10	66	334
Occult Science	27	28	21	25	22	25	55	89	18	35	23	368
Photography	19	13	11	10	12	11	60	45	32	25	37	275
Political Economy	73	55	27	12	27	70	118	123	144	45	46	740
Social Science	128	123	221	100	118	130	121	119	101	74	79	1,314
Sports and Pastimes	27	52	46	58	67	34	93	59	30	9	28	506
Statistics, General	2	14	21	16	8	6	45	51	12	...	139	314
Telegraphy	39	46	60	74	96	83	87	56	34	61	77	713
Theology	343	330	316	378	484	297	193	236	233	495	612	3,917
Transactions, American	46	127	18	95	104	26	95	21	13	10	111	666
Transactions, British	55	96	56	46	63	127	53	73	96	8	265	938
Transactions, European	287	84	141	99	153	66	19	18	21	16	142	1,046
Useful Arts	62	34	104	39	28	35	50	25	89	....	178	644
Zoölogy	16	20	15	10	5	....	9	17	45	13	104	254
Total of volumes	6,477	5,888	5,483	5,768	5,064	4,499	4,302	4,083	5,964	5,549	8,320	61,397
Total of readers in the hall	2,115	1,969	1,936	2,047	1,714	1,693	1,407	1,353	2,061	1,889	2,101	20,285
Total of readers in department of patents	331	381	436	417	332	367	396	440	456	362	557	4,475
Total of alcove readers	122	106	120	127	114	125	131	93	110	150	85	1,283
Total of hall, patents and alcove readers	2,568	2,456	2,492	2,591	2,160	2,185	1,934	1,886	2,627	2,401	2,743	26,043

I.—*TABLE showing the number of readers, etc.*—(Continued.)

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND LITERATURE.	January.	Februrry.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Volumes given out.
Biography	15	13	16	16	....	38	5	12	12	8	30	165
Chronology	18	16	12	12	42	16	20	17	42	11	27	228
Documents—British	22	245	308	45	58	139	1	20	11	....	3	852
Documents—United States	86	153	151	166	188	370	142	96	139	86	220	1,747
Elocution and Rhetoric	35	44	55	72	50	4	18	59	44	19	23	423
Heraldry and Genealogy	423	427	446	383	305	456	457	605	772	362	361	4,997
History, American; Canada—(Dominion)	20	....	22	21	29	13	1	15	4	....	6	131
History, American; Central America	14	1	7	2	4	....	....	3	4	9	14	58
History, American; Indians	3	4	24	13	4	22	23	12	4	....	36	144
History, American; Mexico	9	29	20	2	11	....	13	30	17	9	20	160
History, American; South America	61	27	9	49	37	71	4	45	43	14	26	386
History, American; United States	1,431	1,091	1,066	1,019	980	729	682	700	1,005	1,298	1,120	11,071
History, American; West Indies	25	2	58	22	5	35	15	9	5	5	23	204
History, Ancient	407	402	390	331	270	65	103	70	131	197	137	2,503
History, British	503	426	605	584	447	554	609	258	376	549	509	5,420
History, French	365	190	471	499	481	147	176	160	373	200	381	3,443
History, General	71	63	73	117	100	126	73	85	87	106	63	914
History, German	132	130	186	115	52	107	183	87	72	46	41	1,101
History, Greek (Modern)	...	....	9	40	....	4	....	....	....	...	....	53
History, Italian	37	3	15	...	19	18	9	22	15	3	32	173
History, Netherland	11	10	7	16	3	2	15	17	3	11	9	104
History, Oriental	64	80	111	91	118	44	51	101	67	71	127	925
History, Russian	24	5	12	13	38	9	13	25	6	16	10	170
History, Scandinavian	16	44	139	162	168	191	43	24	11	109	269	1,176
History, Spanish	27	25	21	11	19	....	14	5	29	44	46	241
History, Swiss	18	14	6	3	3	2	....	2	5	....	....	53
Inscriptions and Numismatics	34	1	37	33	18	...	20	60	32	...	43	278
Literary History	95	44	67	39	24	13	23	14	27	2	15	363
Literature, American	744	626	644	504	476	333	319	391	624	584	1,934	6,179
Literature, Classical	871	754	859	1,052	607	453	244	586	780	501	744	7,451
Literature, English	1,555	1,246	1,130	1,115	980	911	842	1,232	1,293	1,202	1,536	13,042
Literature, French	479	198	362	399	391	261	575	294	306	315	835	4,415
Literature, German	474	194	193	228	175	441	161	278	174	264	609	3,191
Literature, Italian	37	127	143	78	55	66	47	88	80	89	66	876
Literature, Oriental	40	57	152	46	121	44	28	93	79	4	36	699
Literature, Russian	11	2	10	....	8	3	11	126	95	2	11	279
Literature, Scandinavian	177	167	359	653	302	244	20	15	25	81	351	2,344
Literature, Spanish	54	121	47	70	80	24	29	60	3	114	243	845

Manners and Customs	143	84	65	89	15	25	41	70	62	42	101	737
Orientalia	32	21	53	88	73	113	114	36	46	170	100	846
Philology and Linguistics	556	472	462	352	338	273	263	217	409	269	484	4,095
Voyages and Travels—Africa	18	97	62	59	20	13	36	20	20	10	22	377
Voyages and Travels—Arctic	8	19	16	17	3	....	....	....	2	4	2	71
Voyages and Travels—Asia	25	37	32	44	27	19	27	7	90	12	66	386
Voyages and Travels—Europe	13	96	17	38	9	43	20	30	25	53	11	355
Voyages and Travels—General	13	17	22	27	53	72	23	61	78	46	30	442
Voyages and Travels—North America	23	12	35	26	18	19	28	6	25	9	35	236
Voyages and Travels—Oceanica	68	123	7	15	7	1	1	20	....	7	7	256
Voyages and Travels—South America	....	3	11	29	36	2	15	11	8	11	8	134
Total of Volumes	9,302	7,962	9,024	8,805	7,167	6,535	5,505	6,193	7,510	6,914	9,822	84,739
Total readers in the hall	2,924	2,542	2,794	2,602	1,923	1,778	1,635	1,936	2,260	2,202	2,789	25,385
Total of alcove readers	252	220	249	238	155	163	128	160	235	199	204	2,203
Total of hall and alcove readers	3,176	2,762	3,043	2,840	2,078	1,941	1,763	2,096	2,495	2,401	2,993	27,588

Total of volumes read in both halls	146,136	
Total of readers in both halls		45,670
Total of alcove readers, including readers in patents		7,961
		53,631

II.

TABLE showing the number of alcove readers, and the character of their studies, in the year 1880.

	Admissions.
Agriculture	15
Anthropology	10
Archæology	42
Architecture	38
Art of War	7
Astronomy	11
Bibliography	8
Biology	3
Botany	24
Building-Construction	4
Chemistry and Physics	71
Commerce and Banking	10
Conchology	2
Domestic Economy	8
Ecclesiastical History	40
Education	29
Encyclopedias	53
Ethics	5
Ethnology	4
Fine Arts	81
General Science	79
Geography	21
Geology and Palæontology	6
Horticulture	7
Industrial Arts	12
Jurisprudence	139
Logic	4
Mathematics	21
Mechanics and Engineering	31
Medicine and Surgery	71
Metallurgy	3
Metaphysics	25
Mining and Mineralogy	6
Music	43
Mythology	6
Natural History—General	48
Natural Law	10
Navigation	7
Patents	4, 775
Photography	5
Political Economy	21
Social Science	22
Sports and Pastimes	12
Statistics, General	13
Telegraphy	21

	Admissions.
Theology	132
Transactions, American	17
Transactions, British	12
Transactions, European	8
Useful Arts	11
Zoology	5
Biography	6
Chronology	9
Documents—British	5
Documents—United States	3
Heraldry and Genealogy	53
History, American; Canada—(Dominion)	2
History, American; Central America	16
History, American; Indians	67
History, American; Mexico	41
History, American; South America	40
History, American; United States	629
History, American; West Indies	11
History, Ancient	105
History, British	177
History, French	172
History, General	1
History, German	27
History, Italian	9
History, Oriental	14
History, Russian	14
History, Scandinavian	93
History, Spanish	3
Inscriptions and Numismatics	31
Literary History	2
Literature, American	30
Literature, Classical	11
Literature, English	330
Literature, French	32
Literature, German	2
Literature, Italian	7
Literature, Scandinavian	34
Literature, Spanish	2
Manners and Customs	13
Orientalia	103
Philology and Linguistics	101
Voyages and Travels—Arctic	1
Voyages and Travels—Europe	1
Voyages and Travels—General	5
Voyages and Travels—S. America	1
	8,261

III.

TABLE showing the number and character of the accessions to the Library in 1880.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART:

	Volumes.
Agriculture	27
Anthropology	22
Archæology	85
Architecture	27
Art of War	13
Astronomy	26
Bibliography	57
Biology	5
Botany	31
Chemistry and Physics	62
Commerce and Banking	28
Conchology	5
Ecclesiastical History	4
Education	36
Encyclopedias	5
Ethnology	15
Fine Arts	46
General Science	32
Geography	31
Geology and Palæontology	47
Horticulture	7
Industrial Arts	27
Jurisprudence	56
Logic	6
Mathematics	20
Mechanics and Engineering	37
Medicine and Surgery	150
Metallurgy	2
Metaphysics	21
Mining and Mineralogy	20
Music	49
Mythology	22
Natural History—General	34
Navigation	10
Occult Science	12
Patents	175
Photography	1
Political Economy	29
Social Science	22
Statistics, General	9
Telegraphy	3
Theology	111

	Volumes.
Transactions, American	17
Transactions, Australasian	11
Transactions, British	7
Transactions, European	43
Useful Arts	5
Zoölogy	16
	1,526

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND LITERATURE:

Biography	11
Chronology	5
Documents—United States	88
Heraldry and Genealogy	2
History, American; Canada—(Dominion)	22
History, American; Central America	2
History, American; Indians	1
History, American; Mexico	2
History, American; South America	1
History, American; United States	296
History, Australasian	110
History, Ancient	1
History, Belgium	1
History, British	639
History, French	89
History, General	13
History, German	32
History, Greek (Modern)	1
History, Italian	51
History, Netherland	8
History, Oriental	26
History, Portuguese	13
History, Russian	2
History, Scandinavian	100
History, Spanish	6
History, Swiss	1
Inscriptions and Numismatics	3
Literary History	5
Literature, American	91
Literature, Classical	10
Literature, English	105
Literature, French	38
Literature, German	11
Literature, Italian	21
Literature, Netherland	1
Literature, Oriental	13
Literature, Portuguese	2

	Volumes.
Literature, Russian	10
Literature, Scandinavian	1
Literature, Spanish	4
Manners and Customs	2
Orientalia	22
Palæography	1
Philology and Linguistics	22
Voyages and Travels—Africa	5
Voyages and Travels—Arctic	3
Voyages and Travels—Asia	1
Voyages and Travels—Europe	1
Voyages and Travels—General	6
Voyages and Travels—North America	5
Voyages and Travels—South America	1
	1,907

SUMMARY.

In the Department of Science and Art	1,526
In the Department of History and Literature	1,907
	3,433
Number of pamphlets added during the year	761
Total number of volumes and pamphlets	4,194

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DONATIONS TO THE ASTOR LIBRARY, 1880.

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Abbot, F. E. The Index. Vols. 8–11. Boston, 1877–80. Folio	4
———. Report of the Centennial Congress of Liberals, July 4, 1876. Boston, 1876. 8°	1
Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.—Catalogue of the printed books in the Library of the Faculty of Advocates. Edinburgh, 1867–'79. 4°	7
Agassiz, Prof. A. Report on the Florida Reefs. Cambridge, 1880. 8°	1
Albertson, C. A Call to the Fountain. (W. Waring.) Philadelphia, 1873. 12	1
———. A Catechism and Confession of Faith. (Robert Barclay.) Philadelphia, 1878. 12°	1
———. The Society of Friends in the 19th Century. (W. Hodgson.) Philadelphia, 1875–76. 8°	2
American Pharmaceutical Association. Proceedings, 1879. Philadelphia, 1880. 8°	1
Archæological Institute of America (by E. H. Greenleaf). 1st Annual Report of the Executive Committee. Cambridge, 1880. 8°	1
Argentine Republic (through B. Apthorp Gould, the author). Uranometria Argentina. (Atlas in Spanish and English.) Buenos Aires, 1879. 4° and fo.	2
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———. Catalogue of Pamphlets, Speeches and Sermons belonging to the late William Hepworth Dixon, from 1595, principally relating to the Civil War. London, etc., 1595–1857. 8° and 4°	521
———. Kinne's Law Compendium. Vols. 5–9. (Asa Kinne.) New York, 1845–49. 8°	5
———. The Universal Cambist. (Patrick Kelly.) London, 1811. 4°	2
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Barry, Sir Redmond. The Aborigines of Victoria. (R. Brough Smyth.) Melbourne, 1878. 8°	2

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Blakey, (Miss.) Memoirs of Dr. Robert Blakey. London, 1879. 8° 1

Bigalke, Hermann. Almanaque Falb pronósticos del tiempo y de los fenómenos que se refieren al Vulcanismo para el año, 1879. La Paz Bolivia, 1879. 8° 1

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———. Third Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, 1878. Boston, 1878. 8° 1

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———. Medical and Surgical Reports. 2d series. Boston, 1877. 8° 1

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Bolton, Sarah K. (the author). The Present Problem. New York, 1874. 12° 1

Bowditch, H. I. (the author). Public Hygiene in America. Boston, 1877. 8° 1

British and Foreign Bible Society. Hebrew New Testament. (Dr. Delitzsch.) Leipzig, 1880. 32° 1

British Government. Patent Office. Specifications of Patents, Text and Plates. Vols. 32–54 (1878) and Vols. 1–19 (1879). London, 1879. 4° 79

———. ———. Alphabetical Index of Patentees, 1878. London, 1879. 8° 1

———. ———. Subject Matter Index, 1877. London, 1879. 8° 1

———. ———. Commissioners of Patents' Journal. Vol. 2, 1878, and Vols. 1 and 2, 1879. London, 1879, '80. 4° 3

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Caulfield, R. The Council Book of Kinsale from 1652 to 1800. Guildford, England, 1879. 4° 1

Chadwick, F. E., (the author.) Report on the Training Systems for the Navy and Mercantile Marine of England. Washington, 1880. 8° 1

Chamberlain, J. F. Natural History of New York. (Torrey, DeKay, Mather et al.) Albany, 1842–'79. 4°. 22

Chicago Board of Trade. 22d Annual Report. (C. Randolph.) Chicago, 1880. 8° 1

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Doane, L. G. An Elementary Treatise on Anatomy. (A. L. J. Bayle.) New York, 1837. 12° 1

———. A View at the Foundations: or, First Causes of Character. (W. M. Fernald.) Boston, 1865. 12° .. 1

———. Drake's Voyages. (No title page.) Folio 1

———. Familiar Letters on Various subjects. 2d edition. (C. Hallifax.) London, 1754. 12° 1

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———. Report on the Administration of the Madras Presidency, 1877–'79. Madras, 1879. 8° 2

———. Report on the Administration of Mysore, 1878–'79. Bangalore, 1879. Folio 1

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———. Report on the Administration of the Punjab and its Dependencies, 1877–'79. Lahore, 1878–'79. 8°. 2

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Iowa State Government. Biennial Messages of the Governor of Iowa, 1872, 1878, 1880. DesMoines, 1872, 1878, 1880. 8° 3

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Italian Government. Annali di Statistica, 1a, 2a serie (1871–1880.) Firenze, Roma, 1871–'80. 8° 11

———. Annali del Ministero di Agricoltura, La Pesca in Italia. Genova, 1871–'74. 8° 5

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———. Documenti di Storia Italiana. Firenze, 1867–'76. 4° 6

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